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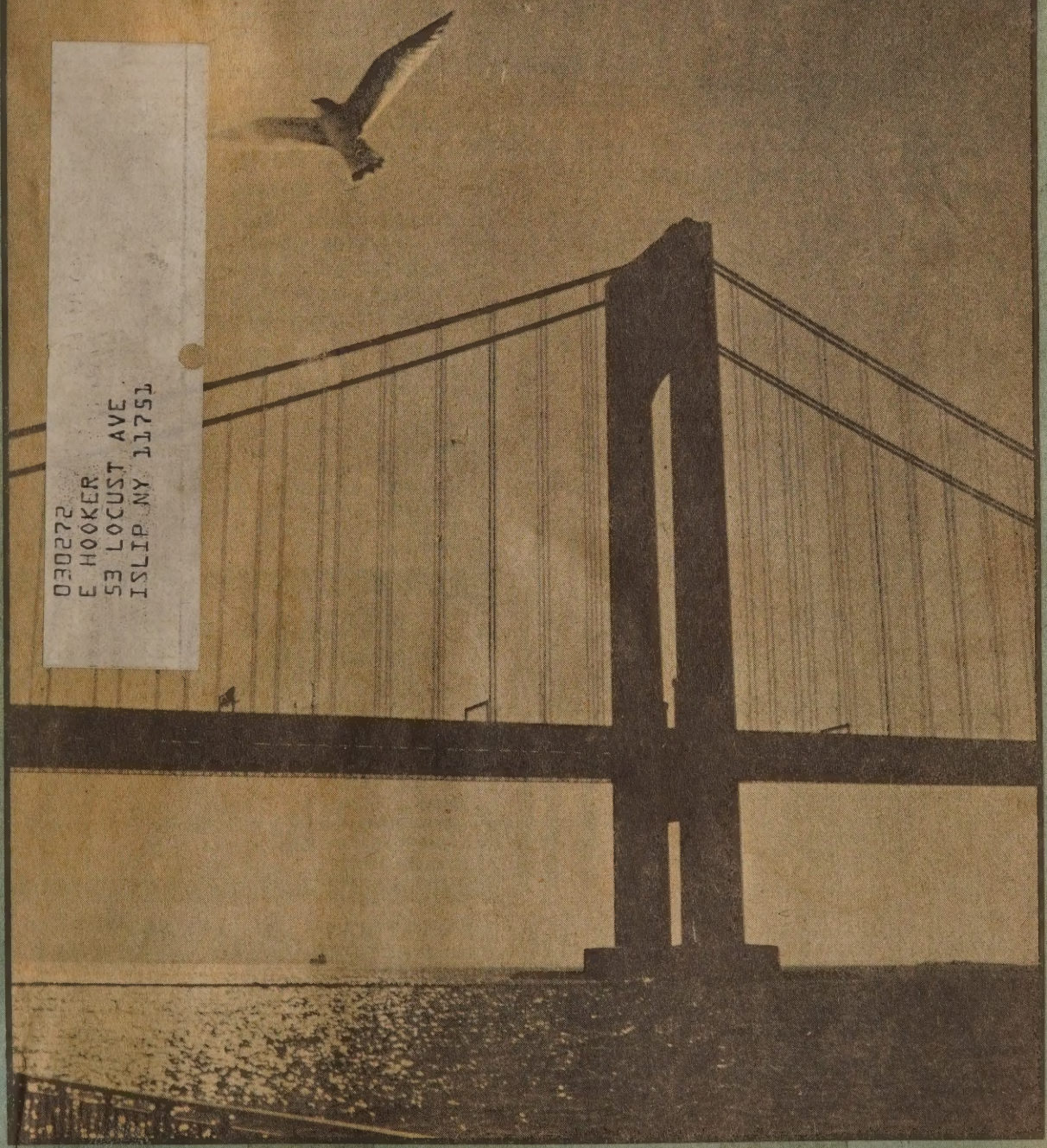

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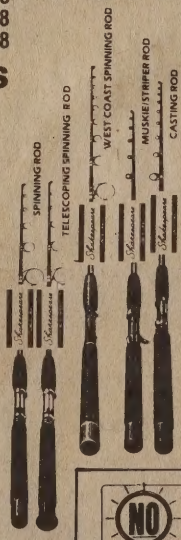

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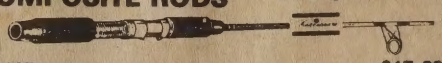

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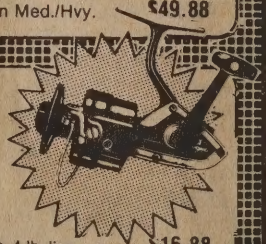

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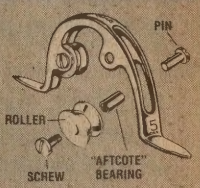

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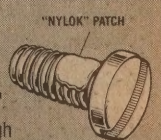

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DeYoung was cited for this award for his work in integrating Sea Grant programs with 4-H youth work. Under DeYoung's guidance, Sea Grant has helped fund marine science positions in Nassau County, Brooklyn and Westchester County. The result has been a team of Cooperative Extension staff working closely with regional Sea Grant specialists implementing a variety of highly successful marine science programs. DeYoung's spirit of cooperation and leadership abilities were also cited.

U.S. HATCHERIES GIVE SUPPORT TO CHESAPEAKE STRIPED BASS STOCKING

A five-year plan involving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state of Maryland is dedicated to the release of more than two million striped bass fingerlings into the Chesapeake Bay. The restoration program is centered around the Joseph Manning State Fish Hatchery where the tagging and releasing of 300,000 fingerling stripers is already under way.

Since mid-November, striped bass fingerlings averaging six inches long have been trucked to the Manning facility from six federal fish hatcheries throughout the southeast. The tagging operation at Manning utilizes six machines, with each operator capable of tagging nearly 400 fish per hour.

"To evaluate the effectiveness of the project, we are carefully maintaining records on the distinct strains of striped bass being used," said Bill Horn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and parks. "Each fish is implanted with a tag indicating its river of origin, the rearing hatchery and the year of release. Within the next year we'll begin assessment in the Bay to see how the released striped bass are doing. Within the next three to five years, these fish will have grown and migrated to coastal waters as distant as Maine and North Carolina."

Also raising fingerlings (not for tagging) is the state's Elkton Hatchery which is having its best year for striper production. This is good news coming on the heels of Maryland's summer seine survey which revealed an almost record low spawn. Dr. Torrey Brown, Maryland Department of Natural Resources secretary, reported that the young-of-the-year index was 2.9, lower than last year's and approximately one-third that of the 31-year average of 9.3.

CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR SEACOAST MANAGEMENT

Persons who in the past have cherished the beauty of Cape Cod, and who have enjoyed varied recreational pursuits on the Cape's Atlantic shores can no longer take the future of the Outer Cape for granted.

It is going...

Rapid development...And yes, pollution... Massive shopping malls in Orleans. A golf course in Eastham. Even a movie complex on Rte. 6 in Wellfleet. And much else together with the increased restrictions against the beach buggy by the National Seashore, all amount to a suburbanization of the Cape: a radical change in character of the Cape Cod you've known and loved.

And while under the banner of "Preservation" local environmentalist groups ongoingly support the ORV ban, these same groups foster the destruction of that traditional Olde Cape Cod of which the buggy is a symbol. These environmentalists who non-scientifically concoct "ORV damage," support an unneeded giant sewage plant in Orleans which threatens the marshes and the entire Bay!

Working hand-in-hand with some of these confused local groups, the National Seashore itself holds the land on which an ecology (PCBs) destroying golf course is proposed! The Seashore itself this year destroyed a marsh in which it constructs a bridge for real "traffic" for an expanded parking lot on Eastham's Coast Guard Beach!

Meanwhile the Boston-based Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) continues to sue the Fed to close all beaches to ORVs, though apparently CLF finds no one to sue over the dire chemical and sewage pollution conveyed by ocean-currents from Boston Harbor to Cape Cod shores! This real damage (from Boston Harbor) is FACT: as per Woods Hole Oceanograhic Institution.

Citizens Concerned for Seacoast Management Inc. (CCSM) is newly formed; and we are fully determined not only to *reopen securely* all the beaches to 4X4 from Long Point to Chatham Inlet, but as a truly conservationist organization, we are seriously dedicated to genuinely *protecting* what's left of Olde Cape Cod; and by protecting human rights (like rights of access) which relate to natural environments.

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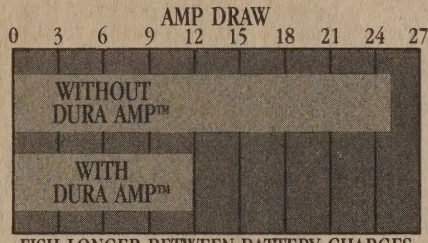

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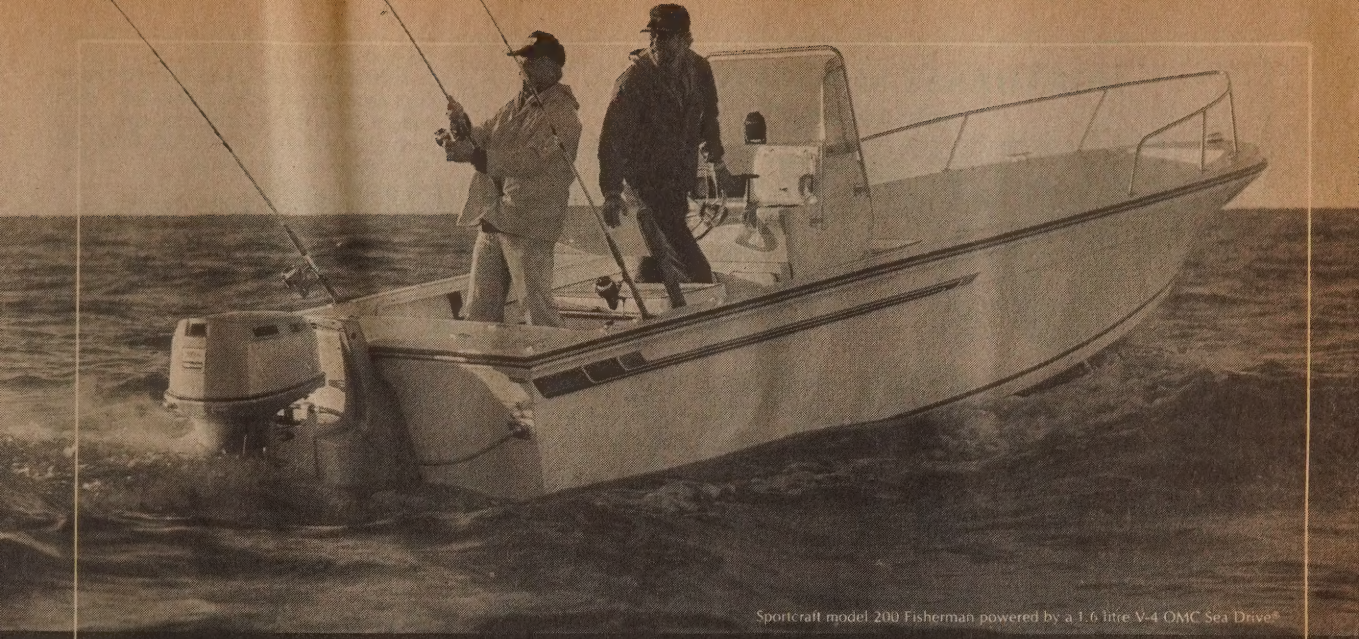
This year's entry fee is $550 for the overnight category boats and $300 for the day boats. Day boats will leave in the AM and return the same day. The $300 is the total fee for both days of fishing. There will be no additional angler fees. Bait and chum will **not** be provided, however, it will be readily available in the immediate vicinity of the dock, along with fuel. Town ordinances prohibit fueling on the village dock.

Total money awards are expected to be over $20,000, and will be based on the number of boats participating in each of the day and overnight categories.

A captains meeting will be held on Friday, July 25th, at 8:30PM on the town dock. At this time, rules will be explained, questions answered and boat numbers, patches and literature will be distributed. Also, many door prizes of fishing type equipment will be given away. The Captains Meeting will be followed by a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of this popular tournament. Food and beverages will be served.

As in the past all fish will become the property of the tournament to be auctioned at the Town Dock with all proceeds donated to the **Association for the Help of Retarded Children**. All monies donated have a multiple effect of 9 due to various government fundings. This means that for every $1 donated, the association will



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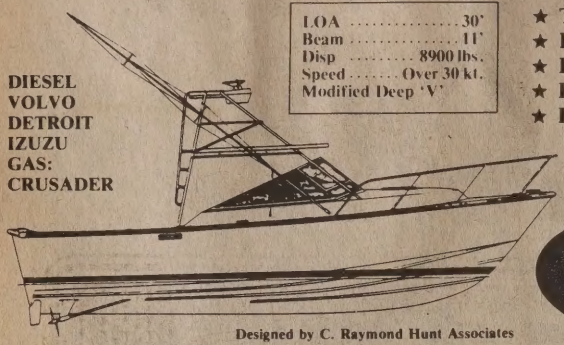

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The Striper Surf Club Inc. will entertain one more open meeting for new membership on March 10th for those people who missed the first meeting because of overwhelming response and limited accommodations. The meeting will be held at the Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant, 1132 Hempstead Turnpike in Franklin Square.

For reservations please call Barry Simon, evenings after 7PM at (516) 785-2404.

MORICHES ANGLERS ANNUAL SHARK TOURNEY

The Moriches Anglers Club will hold their 12th Annual Shark Tournament on June 14th.

Our club has the pleasure of sponsoring the first Long Island Shark Tournament of the year. Last year's tournament proved to be a huge success with 11 sharks having been weighed in, 7 of which were makos. The largest mako was 495 lbs. The total prize money awarded to date is $45,000!

Judging by last year's demand, it would be advisable to pick up your application for the Moriches Anglers Club 12th Annual Shark Tournament, as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Chet Wilcox at B&B Tackle, Center Moriches, (516) 878-9280, or please write to Moriches Anglers Inc., P.O. Box 193, Center Moriches, NY 11934.

CG AUXILIARY OFFERS LOCAL BOATERS FIVE YEAR STUDY PROGRAM

On Wednesday evening, March 6th, 7:30PM, local boaters may enroll at BOCES Wilson Tech, Northport in a comprehensive boating studies program that takes approximately five years to complete. The announcement was made by Flotilla Commander Percy Tatem of Flotilla 22-4 who said that "the program consists of three major segments... all are completely voluntary... a student may drop out at any time and there is no cost except for books and materials." "The courses are intended for recreational boaters and are not related to commercial examinations and licenses," he said.

"The first phase stresses basic boating safety and consists of six lessons. This is followed by the second phase of four lessons covering such subjects as marine piloting, engines, communications and weather," he said. Upon completion of the first and second phases, participants are then eligible to enroll in the Coast Guard Auxiliary's Basic Qualifications Course which is both self-study and tutorial and also entails the

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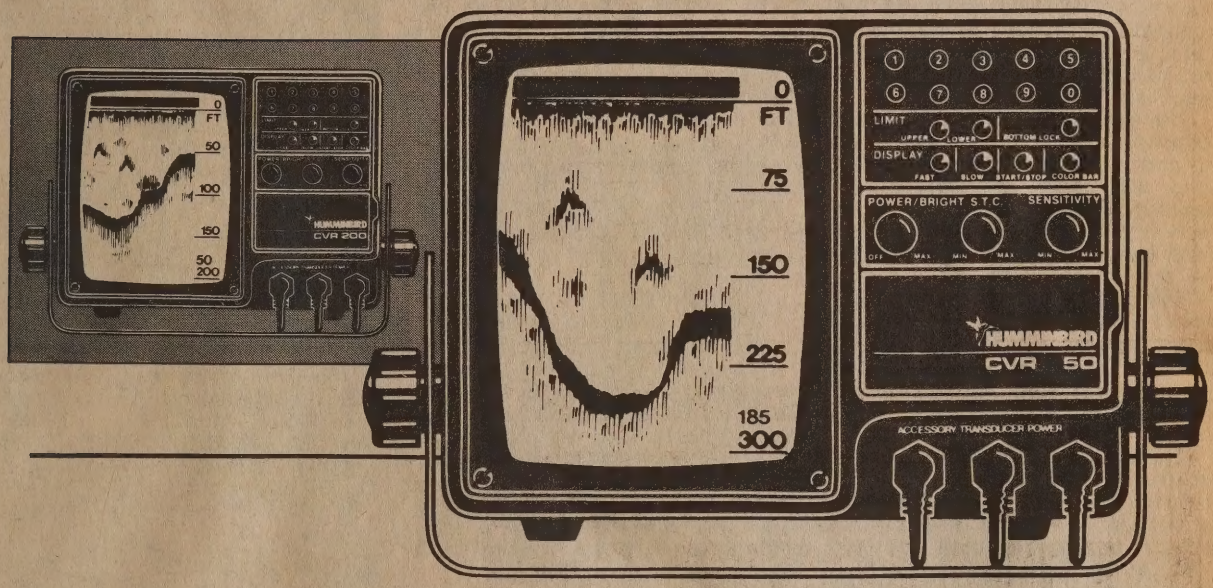

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demonstration of certain on-the-water proficiencies. This portion of the program normally takes three to six months for completion.

After completion of the two entry level programs, participants may then enroll in the Coast Guard Auxiliary's AUXOP Program and/or Boat Crew Qualification Program. These are a series of intermediate level courses; some requiring proficiency demonstrations. Persons usually take 3 to 5 years to complete these courses. For further information and enrollment applications, phne: Day 543-0855 and Evenings, 757-0857.

NATIONAL FISHING HALL OF FAME INDUCTS THREE FOR ENSHRINEMENT

Three persons, Karl Lagler, an educator; Charles Waterman, a communicator; and Ernest Pflueger, a pioneer fishing tackle developer were inducted as 1986 enshrinees into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, a non-profit public supported organization based in Hayward, Wisconsin.

"The annual election by a national committee of the industry selects living and/or deceased persons for the honor who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the realm of freshwater angling on a national or world level," according to Bob Kutz, Hall director.

"The inductees receive the Fishing Hall of Fame's coveted 'Time Eternal Award' and earn a photo and biography display space in the Hall of Recognition building on the grounds of the Hall's museum facility," Kutz said.

Inductee Karl Lagler is a pioneer in fisheries management education. He instructed courses in ichthyology and fisheries biology at the University of Michigan beginning in 1939.

Dr. Lagler developed the first book for a university course "Field and Laboratory Studies in Freshwater Fishery Biology," in 1947. Another, in 1952, "Freshwater Fishery Biology."

Karl Lagler authored numerous scientific publications including the valuable 1947, 1958, 1964 papers titled "Fishes of the Great Lakes Region." In 1940 he began teaching fish and fishing courses for the general public at the University of Michigan.

Inductee Charles F. Waterman is renowned for his extensive writings of which best known are his "Fishing in America" articles authored over a long period of time.

His "History of Angling" book is a compilation of the evolution of angling, a subject he described best when he wrote that the history of angling encompasses fishing eras recorded in meticulous detail in some instances, and in contrast, eras of complete void on the other hand.

Inductee Ernest F. Pflueger established the American Fish Hook Company in 1864 which became the Akron (Ohio) Fishing Tackle Works, which became the Enterprise Mfg. Co. (1881), and finally the Pflueger Company. Early products were mainly metal spinners and spoons and then reels.

Before "1900" and "Heddon," the first plug developer, Pflueger developed early ruber baits attributed to the rubber technology for which the Akron area was known. Pflueger is often referred to as the founder of the modern tackle industry.

"Candidates considered for annual induction are elected from an extensive field of nominees selected by the committee, the industry, and the public at large," the Hall spokesman said.

He added, "Nomination forms are available by request from the National Fishing Hall of Fame, Box 33, Hall of Fame Drive, Hayward, Wisconsin 54843; (715) 634-4440."

MORICHES ANGLERS NEW SLATE FOR '86

The Moriches Anglers Club has elected new officers and directors for 1986. They are as follows:

President: Paul Markland; Vice President: Bob Schepis; Treasurer: Chet Wilcox; Secretary: Steve Antenoff; Corresponding Secretary: Dick Haug; and Sergeant At Arms: Tom Montalbano.

Directors are: John Schaub, Gil Rinderman, Art Rumph, Vic Viola and Butch Kirchner

CATCHIT "CATCH A WINNER" PHOTO CONTEST OFFERS AUSTRALIAN FISHING TRIP

Highlighted by a grand prize week-long fishing trip for two in Australia, *Catchit USA* has begun its "Catch a Winner" photo contest to promote the convenient, universally effective Catchit fish bait. Valuable additional prizes will include fishing rods, reels and other tackle. The grand prize is being offered in cooperation with Qantas, the Australian Airline.

To enter the "Catch A Winner" contest, black and white or color photographs (including instant photos) must be submitted with an official entry blank. Each photo must show the person holding the catch *and a package of Catchit fishing bait.* Judging will be based on appropriateness to the "Catch a Winner" theme; originality, uniqueness and creativity; photo focus, exposure and composition. Contest rules and entry forms are available at participating fishing tackle retailers.

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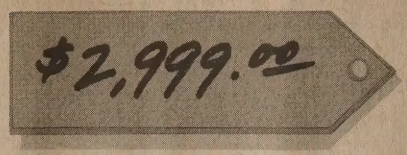

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A new specialized battery box with a side-mounted plug-in control panel has been announced by Fishing Aids, Inc., a manufacturer of unique, quality fishing accessories.

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The Power Station is also equipped with charge terminals on the side of the box, which allows recharging without removing the battery. And affordably priced, the unit is the ideal battery box for the lower budget fisherman.

For more information on the Power Station battery box, write Fishing Aids Inc., 2311 South Nappanee St., Elkhart, Ind. 46517 or phone (219) 264-4562.

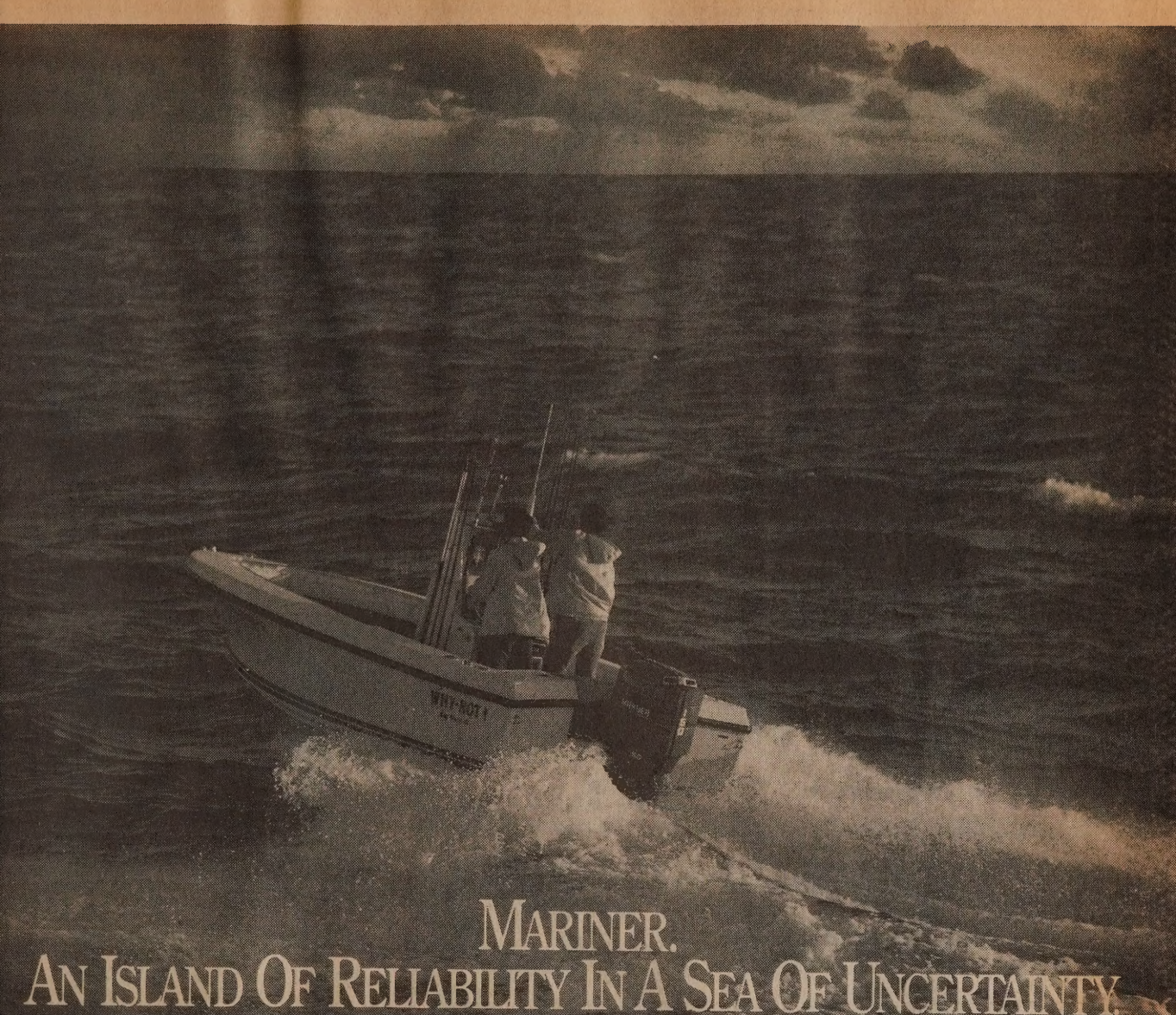
CORTLAND TO DISTRIBUTE HARDY AND MUSTAD PRODUCTS

Cortland Line Company, manufacturers of world famous monofilament, braided, and fly fishing lines, is pleased to announce the addition to two prominent tackle series to its offering of high quality fishing equipment: Hardy Fly Fishing Reels, Rods and Accessories and Mustad Hooks.

Manufactured in Great Britain, Hardy products have long been recognized by experienced fishermen as *the* premier range of superb quality fly fishing equipment. All products in Hardy's recently expanded line, including their new rods, reels, clothing and fly lines, will be stocked and distributed by Cortland from its new expanded factory in Cortland, N.Y.

Of course, Mustad hooks, manufactured in Norway for more than 150 years, have also earned a reputation as *the* most reliable and most demanded fishhooks in the entire world market. Available in a wide range of sizes and styles, Cortland will carry all Mustad hooks commonly used for North American sport fishing.

Under the company's direct-to-dealer selling system, Hardy and Mustad products are now available nationwide through Cortland's established network of Authorized Dealers and Pro Shops. Further information is available from Cortland's field sales force of Regional Managers, or by contacting the com-



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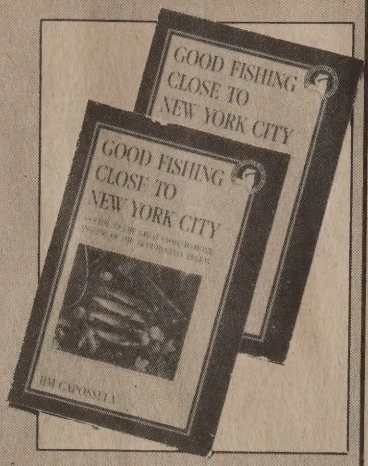

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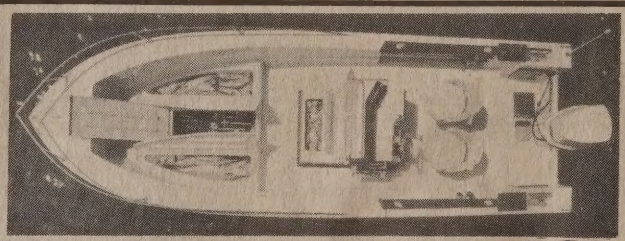

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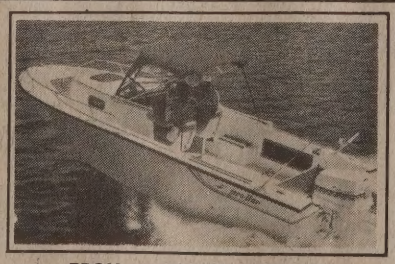

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ANGLERS CONTINUE ASSAULT ON WORLD RECORDS: 694 NEW MARKS ESTABLISHED IN 1985

World game fish records approved by the International Game Fish Association during 1985 totaled 694, second only to 1984's all-time high of 1,074. Applications approved included 91 all tackle records (heaviest catch of a species), 334 saltwater line class records, 209 freshwater line class records, and 60 new fly rod records (37 for freshwater species and 23 for marine fish).

Record claims processed by the Association during the year numbered 1,256. IGFA president E.K. Harry attributed the continued high number of record applications to the awareness among anglers of the opportunities to fill vacant line and tippet class categories. Also, the all-tackle expansion program begun in 1984 has created new interest in species not previously recognized. For example, 79 of the all-tackle records granted in 1985 were for "new" species.

In addition, IGFA announced in the March-April 1985 issue of *The International Angler* a procedure for expanding its line class and fly rod categories to include catches not among the 151 species currently listed in the world record program. All

applications received for the various species will be processed and held in suspense until the end of December 1986. Then, each accepted species will be considered for a permanent listing starting with the 1987 World Record Game Fishes book.

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ABU-Garcia is the official rod and reel sponsor of two special outdoor feature supplements that will be mailed free to every daily and weekly newspaper in the U.S. this spring.

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"Time to Get Outdoors" is produced by the Outdoor Recreational Council, a consortium of premier leisure industry firms, under the direction of Juhl Associates, Elkhart, Indiana. "Escape to the Outdoors," funded by a similar group of outdoor equipment manufacturers, is produced by the Walker Agency, Phoenix, Arizona.

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SEACRAFT 20 MASTER ANGLER

by Pete Barrett

First introduced nearly 20 years ago, the SeaCraft 20 was one of the original early center console boats that started the trend towards these "do everything" boats. Testimony to its inherent good design is the fact that the boat and its famous soft riding hull is still popular with fishermen today.

The Master Angler is one of two 20 SeaCraft center consoles models and it is an especially interesting boat for light tackle anglers who seek everything from bay fluke and flounder to coastal weaks, blues and bass. From fly rodding fanatics to fluke drifters, the Master Angler has features that make it a very fishable boat.

My own experience with the SeaCraft goes back to its beginings. Vinnie Grippo, a long time, good friend of mine owned a SeaCraft 20 for a number of years and I was fortunate to spend a lot of time with him in his yellow hulled "Nut'N." That boat handled Monomoy striped bass, Long Island Sound blues, Sandy Hook bass and blues and Delaware Bay weaks with equal grace. She was handy to trailer, ran like the wind and the ride was the best I've ever experienced in a boat that size. It was amazing how the hull landed so gently no matter how bad the ocean.

SeaCraft has always been well known for their soft riding hull designs. The bottom actually has three strake-like steps running the entire length of the hull. They vary from 28 degrees for the center deepest vee, to 22 degrees at the outside vee. The wide chine assures a dry ride. The steps provided lift to break free of water drag on the hull so the 20 is a very fast boat. Vinnie Grippo's ran nicely with a 115, and was real fast with a 150 Black Max when he later repowered it. A Master Angler 20 I ran in Florida with a 175 Mariner was incredibly fast.

SeaCrafts are equally well known for their longevity. I know of two that are over 18 years old that are still as solid as the day they rolled off the assembly line. One owner I fished alongside of in Delaware Bay said, "Mine is 14 years old and now on its third engine. Why get a new one? It's not even middle-aged yet!"

At first glance the Master Angler looks unusual because of the apparent absence of a bow rail. Closer inspection reveals that the welded stainless grab rail is recessed into a molded pocket along the inside edge of the foredeck all around the raised casting platform and down along the gun'ls by the console. There is nothing to snag a line and yet the rail is very easy and sure to grab onto if needed while doing anchoring chores.

The casting platform has a large sized fish box/storage area with overboard drain built into the deck to hold fish or gear, whichever you prefer.

Compass, small Loran and small recorder will all fit atop the console. A large sloping panel holds tachs, engine gauges and small instru-

ments. Some electronics, like a Loran, temp gauge, digital or one of the new small color scopes can be flush mounted on this panel space.

Electrical system switches for nav lights, pumps, bait well and interior deck lights are mounted below the stainless tilted wheel. They are of the rocker type and are waterproof. Just below the switch panel is a shelf for VHF and CB radio, and for storing small items like pliers, binoculars, first aid kit and camera.

Access into the console is through a large aft opening, trimmed in teak. Tackle boxes can be slid into the space or duffel bags with personal gear and foul weather suits. With boxes removed, the wiring is easily serviced and do-it-yourself electronics installers will have no problems working on the electrical system. All controls and wiring for the engine(s) funnel through a conduit to the transom.

Following through on the light tackle fishing concept, there are no exposed spring line cleats or stern cleats above the decks. All cleats are below the gun'l accessed by hawse pipes. The transom has a fold-down splash well door and at either side of the transom are molded-in bait boxes covered by teak hatches.

Entry into either side of the transom for mounting batteries and switches is by teak doors, one at each side of the splash well. The spaces are large enough for batteries and for mounting washdown pumps.

A Pyro rubber gasketed port located directly on center line ahead of the engine mount gives entry into the bilge area for servicing the bilge pump and for mounting through hull transducers.

Teak rod racks are installed beneath the gun'ls and hold up to 12 rods. All under gun'l areas are covered with light tan indoor/outdoor carpeting to protect expensive light tackle graphite rods, custom fly reels and small spinning reels from rubbing hull surfaces.

In keeping with the light tackle theme most 20 Master Anglers use a tackle locker/rocket launcher seat or a large cooler seat with a padded cushion. Either seat will add storage and fishability without sacrificing space.

The finish work is well done, all teak trim fits good with no gaps and rough spots. The wiring is harnessed and all hardware of top quality. The Master Angler 20 is one of the nicest of the mid-sized, trailerable center consoles available today.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length	19'8"
Beam	7'6"
Hull Draft	1'14"
Hull Weight	2000 pounds
Fuel Capacity with option	70 gallons
Maximum Horsepower	175

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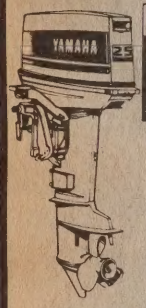
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SI-TEX FLASHERS

by Charlie Soares

Several times in past discussions about electronics, we have suggested that the rapidly changing technology should not be a deterrent to making the purchase of current equipment. If I had decided to wait for these technological advances to "catch up" and level off, I would still be sounding bottom with a lead line. I can still feel my excitement and expectation when I installed a Heathkit flasher unit built for me by a friend from their kit form. That was some 25 years ago at a time when I thought I had all the equipment necessary to make a serious dent in the saltwater fish population. Just the thought of color scopes back then would have been too much for even my vivid imagination to handle.

Serious fishermen pride themselves on having the best possible equipment they can afford and I like to think of myself as serious about my fishing. Some dozen years ago I had to settle for a combination flasher/recorder, a choice which was dictated solely by economics as I could not afford the price of two pieces of equipment. I got just what I paid for which was a piece of equipment which did not do either job very well. Since that time I have owned both Apelco and Si-Tex recorders, both of which fulfilled their primary purposes of defining bottom and locating bait and fish.

Neither of the recorders was much good for night running at cruising speeds. I knew I had to find a machine which could serve as an auxiliary unit and provide some piece of mind for night running. I did some research, queried some skippers who employed several different pieces of equipment and decided on the Si-Tex FL-2 with alarm and two depth ranges based on the conditions I normally operate under.

Most of my night runs are over the same courses, year in and year out with the changes in depth almost comitted to memory. Why the bother? When you begin to take such serious operations for granted you are just asking for trouble. For example, when running a course in darkness from the backside of Cuttyhunk to the breakwater at South Dartmouth, the flasher lets me know if I'm running out of the narrow cut behind Pennikese and Nashawena Islands or when I enter the shipping lanes. The red blip on the face of the flasher gives a comforting reassurance.

In the two seasons since I made my purchase of the FL-2, Si-Tex has completely updated their line of sounders to include a 4 range flasher with 3 color display and a versatile 3 color low range sounder. Our FL-2 works well sending a very strong signal even at high speeds which only necessitates a slight adjustment in the sensitivity dial. I normally set the alarm for 10 feet above the bottom depth we're

running over in the channel to signal us when we reach the shoal water outside the shipping lanes. After locating fish with our chart recorder and setting up anchor, I put the flasher on with alarm set from 3 to 5 feet off the bottom. A school of fish moving into the transducer beam is detected and we are able to send down more chum to hold them or prepare for faster action.

The current FL-5 is also a very compact machine with tough, high impact case which is very durable and appears quite water resistant. It is mounted in a coated bracket with two large gimbaled knobs which allow for fore and aft adjustment to suit your line of sight. There are quick disconnects for the power and transducer cables for those who take their equipment off the boat after every trip.

I don't believe I could live without a recorder, but if I were forced to, this machine would be my first choice. This machine has a computer controlled 3-color system which is easy to read. Strong echoes, such as the bottom flash red, medium echoes such as larger fish flash orange and weak signals flash green.

Once you become familiar with this system you can determine fish and bait and some even claim the species by the strength of the signal and the color. We found some hard bottom which showed up a a bright red and the school of menhaden was near the surface and showed up as an orange area with green tints. When we finally did find some bluefish they lit up the screen just off the ledge as sharp orange marks.

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The alarm signal can be preset for depths over the entire 10 ranges of operation. I have many seasons left in my FL-2 but after a session with the FL-5 I find this would make a welcome addition to our trailerable outboard skiff, taking very little space on the small console top. Trading-up has become a serious consideration.

SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions:
- Height . . . . . 5 inches
- Width . . . . . 6.6 inches
- Depth . . . . . 3.3 inches

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

My fishing buddy and I recently went to fish a Maryland eastern shore river in search of yellow perch. We were fishing minnows under a normal sized plastic float and didn't get so much as a nibble. Another boat fishing the same waters was loading up. These fellows said they were using minnows and grass shrimp under an ultralight float known as a Tennessee Top Float and remarked that conventional floats just couldn't compete with the sensitivity that was needed given the fish would "let go" feeling resistance with a plastic float. They also were using a leader with jig heads as bait holders. Could you tell me where I can find such a float and possibly shed some light on this for me? *Carl Brotman.*

Dear Carl,

Beat feet to the nearest tackle shop and purchase some "quill" type floats. They are nothing more than a long, slender float made of lightweight plastic or cork.

There is no doubt that a light float, especially one that is constructed long and light in weight will outfish the standard round plastic bobber when seeking fish that are "spooked" when feeling anything that is out of the ordinary.

We have tried most types of floats over the years and find the best type for fishing "spooky" fish such as yellow perch, weakfish and some tropical species is the bobber which has a slender body that is drilled to allow the line to pass through the float. By attaching a thin rubber band or a piece of fine wire at the precise depth you wish to fish, you can cast your baits long distances and then let the weight of the bait or bait and jig combination pull line through the float until your pre-set depth is reached. When a fish hits, the slender float

Quill style floats help catch panfish like crappies, yellow perch and sunfish.

does not offer too much resistance and will not scare the fish or cause it to drop the bait.

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Dear Doc,

I will be purchasing a new prop for my outboard rig this winter. Stainless is too expensive and aluminum too vulnerable for my area. One of The Fisherman advertisers, Triple Edge Co., New Jersey manufactures a metal alloy prop which according to their test results surpass both aluminum and stainless. Can you give me any further information on the company or product from Fisherman subscribers experience? *John Fuller.*

Dear John,

We've had no feedback from subscribers who have purchased the metal alloy props, so cannot give you a reliable answer. Why not write the company for complete specs on their products and take it from there?

Any subscribers who have used the props manufactured by Triple Edge might drop us a line noting the good, or bad points of the product.

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Dear Doc,

I have two Ocean City reels: a 250 yard Jones Beach model and a model number 935. I would like to restore these reels, but I have not been able to find parts.

I've checked with several tackle shops and have been told that Ocean City was taken over by Penn Reels Company of Philadelphia. I was also told that Ocean City went out of business and that my chances of finding parts are "slim to none." In short, I've obtained lots of stories, but no parts Can you help? *Robert R. Dinubila.*

Dear Robert,

To set the record straight: Penn Reels Company did not buy out the Ocean City Reel Company. They did stop manufacturing reels a number of years ago. For a very brief period, True Temper Hardware Stores carried the Ocean City line of reels, but then they, too, discontinued distribution of the Ocean City line of reels.

You can occasionally find a new Ocean City reel tucked away on some dusty out of the way shelf of a smaller tackle shop and in some areas, finding parts is not quite as difficult as at others.

The most recent contact we've had was Pousens Reel Service, 115 Belmont Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19804. Pousens has parts for most old reels and has the capability of making new parts for customers who are willing to pay a little more to restore a reel.

Maybe some readers can offer assistance. Often a subscriber has old reels, parts or reels that are in "near new" condition laying around gathering dust. If someone has old Ocean City reels and wants to sell them for parts, I would appreciate hearing from them.

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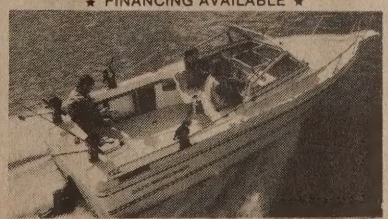

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by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

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Ever since I was old enough to hold a rod and reel, I spent many a lazy summer evening fishing off of some public and not so public docks, Piers, bulkheads and beaches with my father. While the fishing in those places was far from fantastic, that's where I learned the basics, and developed the desire that keeps me hooked on fishing. For whatever reasons, some of us are relegated to fishing from shore, rather than from a party boat or rental skiff. In response to that, I'm going to try and pinpoint a few spots that I have fished from, are relatively easy to get to, and have the potential to be quite productive. Most of these locations offer close, convenient parking, with the car's heater only a short cast away when fishing on those bone chilling days. In contrast you can often escape the oppressive humidity of a hot summer evening, fishing down by the shore, and enjoying the balmy sea breezes.

View from alongside Verrazano Bridge looking south. Parking is available here.

In order to be successful fishing from these locations, you'll have to realize that you're going to have to play the tides. Prime time should always be considered from an hour or two before, to an hour or two after high tide.

Brooklyn is the home of the Sheepshead Bay party boat fleet, but let's not overlook some of its productive shoreline. In Bay Ridge, the 69th Street Pier is located right off the Belt Parkway; exit at 65—67th Street and take 67th Street to 4th Avenue. Make a right on 4th Avenue and take 4th Avenue to Bay Ridge Ave. and hang a right on Bay Ridge Ave. Bay Ridge Avenue actually is 69th Street which leads directly onto the pier. Because the pier actually protrudes into Lower New York Bay, you can fish here just about any time without being at the mercy of the tide tables. Seasonal species include: flounder in both spring and fall; eels just about all season long; small sand porgies and snappers during the summer and, believe it or not, it's not uncommon to catch a few schoolie stripers during the spring and fall runs, though mostly at night. On more than one occasion last summer, I saw some small game fish herding schools of spearing up against the pier. Whatever it was (small stripers or snapper blues) they were feasting on the bait that was attracted to the lights on the pier. Ultralight spinning tackle and some small plugs or other artificials probably would have been deadly, if I was prepared! If you get back on the Belt Parkway and head further south, you'll pass about 4 miles of prime shoreline adjacent to the Belt. There is a wide pedestrian walkway and combination bicycle path here that provides unlimited access to Lower New York Bay. Many bicyclists can be observed packing fishing rods, no doubt seizing the opportunity to combine two of their favorite pastimes. There is also a parking area just under the Verrazano Bridge (further down the Belt), which might be a good bet for those of you who want to venture a chance at a striper or bluefish hauled from beneath the shadows of the bridge. A pretty decent surf stick could put you within reach of a bragging size game fish, as well as the aforementioned local bottom species.

Quite a bit further along the Belt, past Sheepshead Bay, you'll find the Canarsie Pier. It can be reached by exiting off the Belt at Rockaway Parkway. Most of the same species are available here.

The Belt Parkway has led us to a number of excellent shore locations, but for now we're going to exit at Flatbush Avenue south, which will

take us over the Marine Parkway Bridge. Following the signs to Far Rockaway will put you on Beach Channel Drive, which offers great access to the waters of Jamaica Bay. Many ardent fishermen just park their cars on the shoulder adjacent to the drive, while some make arrangements to be picked up or dropped off. The usual local species persist here (flounder, eels, porgies and snappers) but due to the close proximity of Rockaway Inlet, some fluke can be caught during the summer months on a moving tide, and there's always a chance at some of the weaks, blues or stripers that call Jamaica Bay their home.

The two bridges that span Jamaica Bay along Cross Bay Blvd. also offer plenty of additional fishing room for local anglers. You can fish directly under the south end of the Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge on Shore Front Parkway or on either of the spans from their pedestrian walkways. The North Channel Bridge, which is the first one you cross heading south on Cross Bay Blvd. gets most of the attention. There is also plenty of bulkhead space to fish from, just before you come to the bridge, on the left side of Cross Bay Blvd. Bait, tackle and local fishing reports are available from Crossbay Bait and Tackle located on the right side of the boulevard just before you approach the bridge. The same species abound here with the addition of some blackfish that like to hang out around all those barnacle encrusted pilings.

If you shift to the northeastern section of Queens and take the L.I.E. eastbound, follow the signs to the Cross Island Parkway. The Parkway is actually part of the Belt Parkway System which encompasses all of eastern Queens, and judging by all of the excellent fishing locations bordering it, the guy who planned it must have been a fisherman at heart. Heading north on the Cross Island will put you right on the westernmost border of Little Neck Bay. Virtually all of the shoreline next to the parkway is fishable with flounder and tommycod available in the early spring and late fall and snappers and small bluefish the mainstay during the summer months. It's no secret that the first schoolie stripers of the season usually come from the western shores of Little Neck Bay and are taken on sandworms at night. Our favorite spot is marked by a drain pipe with a concrete platform and railing visible from the Parkway about a quarter of a mile or so before the Fort Totten military base. We've taken our share of north shore flounder from that spot and hundreds of snappers all on ultralight tackle. It seems that the freshwater outflow attracts the fish. The deep water right in front of the pipe makes long casts unnecessary. One word of caution, this spot more than any other must be fished at high tide. At low tide, you'll note acres of

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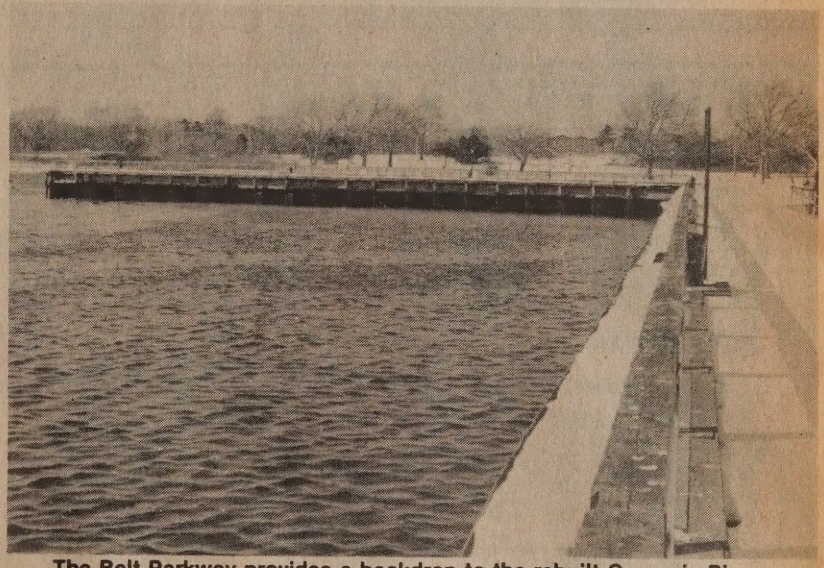
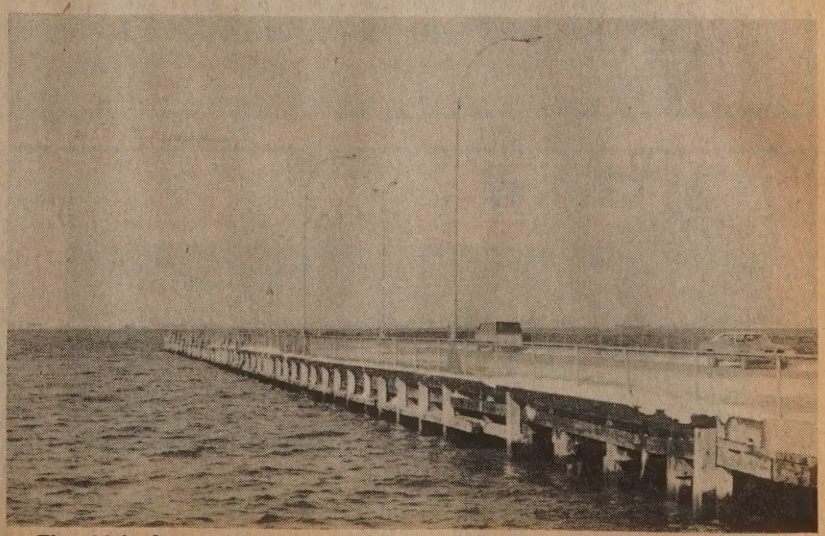
Four miles of shoreline are accessible to anglers between the 69th Street Pier and the VZ Bridge.



The Belt Parkway provides a backdrop to the rebuilt Canarsie Pier.



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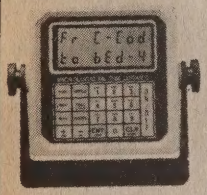

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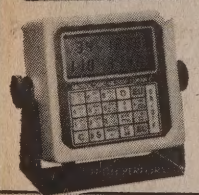

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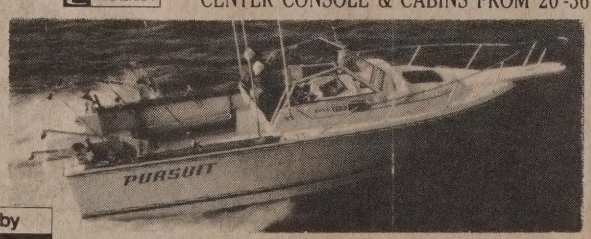

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Before I wrap things up, let's get back to those schoolie stripers for a minute. Want to know where I caught my first striper? Would you believe right smack dab in the middle of upper Manhattan. That's right; bouncing a bucktail from the shore of Inwood Hill Park, where the Hudson and Harlem Rivers meet under the shadow of the Henry Hudson Bridge. Keep in mind that this occurred before the Hudson River strain of striped bass started to make its comeback. This area, also known as Spuyten Duyvil should be even more productive today, since the Hudson River stock of juvenile stripers is in such good shape. The reason this narrow waterway is so productive is that it is felt a good number of Hudson River stripers are migrating through the Harlem River on their way to Long Island Sound. By positioning yourself here during the early spring and fall runs, you have a pretty decent shot at these migrating bass. Due to the fact that the majority of these fish are "shorts," please handle them gently and **release them carefully**. Mud flats lie along the shoreline here and the bass come at high water to grub for worms in the soft bottom. Don't even attempt to fish here at low tide. The easiest way to get here by car from Manhattan is to take Broadway, north to W. 218th Street. Hang a left on W. 218th Street and continue all the way to the end, opposite Baker Field (Columbia University). This will put you right at the northeast entrance to Inwood Hill Park. Parking on the local streets has never been a problem for us.

The beginning of the season is right around the corner. I'm sure you already overhauled your reels and if you're like me, you're starting to get the itch to limber up those spinning rods. Any one of these locations might be a good place to try and sneak in a few early innings on those rare days when the weather is cooperating. Chances are, I might be fishing right alongside you!

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SHARING A LETTER

by Matt Ahern

A loyal reader shares some of his more memorable angling moments.

Letters. I get letters. I get hundreds of letters in a year's time. Most are in a friendly vein, although an occasional reader will take me to task for "lying in my teeth" when I describe old-time fishing..."no fishing could be that good," I'm told. (Oh, ye of little faith.) Some letters are sad, heart-wrenchingly sad; and some are comical and droll. But each gets a reply the day it is received—even the Doubting Thomases.

Now—what is all this leading to?

Simple. Telling you I receive all those letters may or may not be enlightening, but it would be even more enlightening if you knew just what type of letter is predominant in my daily mail.

As an example, I've selected several incidents from a letter sent to me by Jason Moss of Oceanside. Jason evidently gets a lot of enjoyment from the fishing game. His letter bubbles with mirth...and he's a good story teller.

"Matt, (Jason writes), I've been a reader of yours for a long time now. I feel I owe you this letter for all the education you have given me on how to fish. From cod to blacks, etc., etc. It's been just great. I've come from pilgrim to **almost** fisherman. If I don't make master fisherman, I hope you'll understand I'm still trying after 20 years.

"I'd like to share with you some of the more amusing moments of my fishing. I think you'll get a kick out of them.

Bailing mackerel can be a messy game.

"First—going back about 17 years when my kids were small (boy and girl) and at a time when we were out visiting an uncle in Mattituck. After a few hours, the kids were up to their necks in mischief, so I suggested we go fishing. Being only about eleven and six, they said okay. So, off we went. First to the local bait store where the owner told me to go to the inlet and fish off the rock jetty. He said the place was loaded with sea robins. Well, I had two light rods with me and off we went. Upon arriving there, I rigged the rods and spaced the kids about 20 feet apart from each other. First cast and both kids were into double-headers of robins. The kids were beside themselves and jumped with joy.

"It was a slaughter. As far as the kids were concerned, it was the greatest day ever. But me...I nearly had a heart attack running back and forth unhooking and baiting for sea robins. The place was loaded with them. Well, after a few hours of non-stop fishing and two 10-gallon green garbage tubs filled to brimming, I begged for mercy and said: enough for one day.

"Now, the problem was what to do with all those robins. That was quickly solved. Two Greek men came over and asked what I was going to do with all those fish. I gave them the whole bunch. A few days later, I again met those two men. They thanked me for all those good eating fish. The moral of this story is: waste not, want not.

"Here's another story I'm sure you'll enjoy.

"For many years I'd been telling the guys at the office just how great the sport of fishing is. They wanted to try it. I picked out the first week in May, knowing it would be mackerel time. We were to meet at the Capt. Al at 5:30. I had all the stern spots set up for six guys. It would be a great day.

"As my pals came aboard, we busied ourselves getting ready. Only one guy hadn't shown up on time—our pal T.C. Now, T.C., is a great party giver and is the last of the great swingers. Well, we waited and sure enough ten minutes before leaving time, a beautiful convertible arrives and pulls to a stop. A gorgeous blonde is driving and our pal T.C. falls out of the car—dead drunk...and in formal evening wear (tux, patent leather shoes, etc.).

"He runs up to the boat yelling: 'Wait for me!' and there's a bottle of Scotch sticking out from his back pocket. By now, every passenger is hysterical. T.C. stepped aboard and immediately went to the cabin to fall asleep. About an hour later we arrive on the grounds and start fishing. On deck appears T.C.

"Our hero staggers up to the rail—formal wear and all, grabs a rod and starts catching macs like they're going out of style. He fills two bags and continues drinking the liquor. He tells us he rented the tux and has to return it the next day. We all did well with the macs and upon arriving back at the dock, our hero has his girl friend pick him up.

"I would have liked to have been present when T.C. returned the tux and shoes just to see the expression on the guy who owned that rental company—what with that day-old fish smell, plus the scales and blood, guts and slime, all smeared to a fare-the-well on just about every inch.

"Well, while we're on the subject of mackerel fishing, here's another story.

"These two guys who are business friends of mine are always telling me what great fishermen they are. They fish out of Point Judith, Rhode Island. I told them to come on down to the Capt. Al and I'd show them how to catch macs. Well, down they come, fully outfitted. One look and you knew these guys were no pilgrims—they were old hands at the game.

"Now, I have always had a bad time with seasickness and I always take pills and never get sick because I take them as directed. I offered these to the two superfishermen, but they just laughed. We don't need those, they said; we fish the roughest water and we're tough. Out we go and it gets rough—eight foot seas! The macs are here, too, and we're bagging-up. I check out the heroes and lo and behold they are hanging over the rail—chumming. So much for mal de mer. (And for those who won't take a bit of friendly advice.)

"Here's a codfishing story for you, Matt.

"It's July and another pal at work wants to go fishing at Montauk (Coxes Ledge). I'm agreeable and off we go. We went out on the old Peconic Queen, Capt. Behan. We managed a few winks of sleep on the way out and were up at first light.

"My buddy and I were fishing the stern and we had each managed three cod about 10 pounds apiece. All of a sudden I got a terrific hit. Fifteen minutes later, I decked a 52 pound cod. It took two mates with gaffs to lift the fish over the rail. I also won the pool. This is the largest cod I've ever caught in my lifetime—up to now. But I'm still trying for one bigger.

"One more story, Matt, and I'll let you go.

"It happened about six years ago on a December day while I was codfishing on the Starstream. The boat was loaded with passengers. We fished open bottom out near Cholera. The mates were chumming with clam.

"It was one of those days when the cod were few but the dogfish were up to our armpits. There were two Oriental guys on the boat. They asked around the boat if we wanted the doggies. Of course, we said 'no'. The mates gathered all the dogs—there were about 50 sacks of them. As the day progressed, the doggies became thicker. The joke on the boat that day was: give those doggies to the Orientals.

"Well, these guys got off the boat at the dock and had the mates carry the sacks of doggies to their car—an old Pontiac. We loaded it so full of dogs, those guys could hardly drive out of the parking lot. The car bottomed, and off they went...two happy guys. Along with the boat's passengers, the mates roared with laughter. It wasn't until years later when I heard doggies were good eating. So—I ask you: who got the last laugh?

"I hear the whistle, so it's 'lines up' until the next time." Jason Moss.

Here is the perfect example of a good fisherman, a dad, and a fellow with a keen sense of humor. And with out a sense of humor, life is glum indeed. Thanks, Jason.

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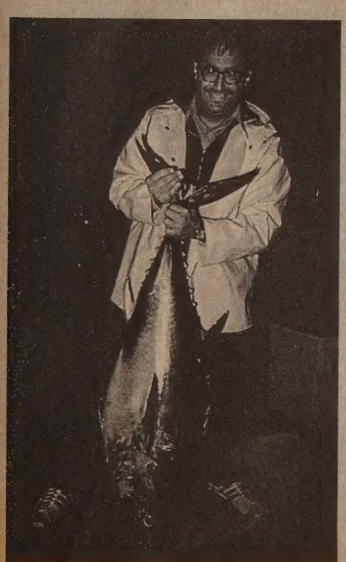

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THE IMPORTANCE OF TIDE TABLES

by John Fritz

There are two natural elements which are extremely important to the success of any angler seeking game fish in the inshore waters. The first is wind; its force and direction or possibly the complete lack of any breeze. Of equal importance, in many cases of more concern to surf fishermen, is the stage of the tide. Granted, there are occasions when the ebb and flow of the sea seems to have little effect on one's ability to catch fish but these instances are few and far between. Furthermore, they are usually associated with the fall migration, a time predator species shed their inherent wariness and feed with abandon. Even at such times an alteration in the water's depth could create a physical obstruction barring the shore-bound angler access to the fish.

For the most part the imagined routine of wary game fish is for the predator to approach the shore during periods of high water, a time when fresh bottoms are covered, where offshore bars are inundated by the rising tide, no longer a barrier to large fish seeking inshore sloughs and holes where baitfish tend to gather. These same underwater ridges now no longer provide the surfcaster a means to reach the deeper waters beyond. When the former conditions prevail a minimum of foul weather gear is needed, but when it is necessary to wade into the surf, waders and top are required.

Carrying this thought further, an angler's whole approach to landing a fish has a direct relation to the proximity of dry land. When fishing from the high water shore, fish can be slid onto the sand and either tossed above the reach of the waves or deposited into an available cooler. This practice is impractical when the angler must wade a considerable distance from dry land. At such times, a gaff and stringer become an integral part of a surfman's equipment.

The majority of plug casters ply their trade with plug bag slung over their shoulder, whether they work the high water beach or push out to distant bars. The bait caster must also provide a means to carry his lure on his person, when venturing off the beach. In some instances a determined angler may improvise needed items and still be able to function adequately enough to catch fish. A simple plastic bag can be used to hold extra bait and terminal tackle but carrying a bag of bunker chunks inside one's top is a sure way to get thrown out of the house.

In warm weather the lack of waders and waterproof top may not be a major concern, but in early spring or late fall, intimate contact with the frigid sea is something to be avoided. At such times a pullover top, a tightly cinched belt and closely clasped wristlets will provide the comfort so often needed to ensure success. An angler, clad in short boots, expecting high water on the Cedar Bar will be totally out of his element among the regulars working the bottom of the tide. One other example where it is necessary to roam offshore is at Sunken Meadow, a beach with extensive shallows at low water.

Any angler fishing a particular area over a period of time soon becomes aware that the beach will produce more consistent action on certain stages of the tide. Montauk's North Bar has long been renowned for the results produced as the ebb tide swirls past. A short distance away the opposite tide is favored by those perched precariously on the boulders protecting the Lighthouse. In this particular instance a fisherman arriving at the Point ignorant of the present tidal flow, need only travel a short distance to fish in optimum conditions. In most sections of Long Island, showing up on the wrong tide usually leads to failure.

Trips contemplated for distant shores, Cape Cod or Nantucket for instance, are sometimes planned according to the results achieved in past years. Favorable journeys during a specific time of the season can be a temporary occurrence. Such trips would stand a better chance of success if the tidal charts are referred to before arrangements are finalized. Since most game fish are encountered during the night tides, the time span offering the longer periods of the preferred tide, after sunset, would be more beneficial. In a similar manner those who are free to plan their vacation, specifically for fishing a particular location, are advised to do likewise. Any trip can be aborted or ruined by extreme weather but time and tides can be altered by no one. It is foolish not to pick a period coinciding with the most ideal stages of the tide.

In certain western Long Island Sound beaches, Little Neck Bay, for example, the bottom of the tide exposes an extensive array of unfish-

able mud flats. Even in areas where an angler is not confronted with such conditions a brisk onshore wind, at low water, can roil a silted bottom to a point where no self-respecting game fish would enter. The interior bays of the south shore and the western Sound beaches are most susceptible to wind caused agitation. On these same beaches, at high tide, the clarity of the water may improve to a point where excellent fishing can be enjoyed under a similar wind.

For a person to ignore the tides as a means to enhance one's ability to catch fish is one matter, on some occasions, though, such ignorance can jeopardize an angler's life. Veteran jetty jockies plan their trips according to the tidal cycle. An angler venturing onto an oceanfront jetty with questionable seas and a flooding tide is asking for trouble. Much the same risk is encountered when wading to an offshore bar, particularly if a sluiceway or depression has been forded in order to reach the rise of the bar. More than one surf fisherman has forfeited his life to an unforgiving sea when his desire to catch fish obscured his ability to recognize the formation of a dangerous situation. Buggy operators, with limited exit points, should also be aware of the effects a rising tide may have on the route off the beach. In addition, a beach easily traversed on a quarter moon tide may become impossible under the glare of a full moon.

Jetties and the more treacherous sand bars are most likely to be found where interior bays empty their waters into the sea. Knowledgeable surfmen, who work these areas, are more concerned with the current's flow than the actual stage of the tide. Many such areas only produce fish in the eddies and rips formed when the water rushes past an obstruction. In the major south shore inlets some confusion may exist for the stage of the tide and current flow may overlap by several hours. Fire Island Inlet fishermen, for instance, will experience a seaward flow of water almost 3 hours after the tide has actually started to rise. An unsuspecting angler, believing the tide is still falling because the water is continuing its rush seaward could find his passage to dry land blocked by deep water.

After all has been said about the importance of the tide, insofar as it relates to surf fishing, it might be wise to explain the workings of the tide charts for those unaccustomed to the procedure. Some tackle shops and marine supply stores offer tide charts for their local shores. These charts usually span the entire season and incorporate information of special interest to area boatmen, such as the reach of the tide or the time difference between tide change and slack water. When using a localized chart few corrections are necessary unless a person uses an open sea reference to calculate the tide for a point within an interior bay.

The more widely circulated publications (this magazine, for instance) must provide information for a greater area. These charts will use basic reference points, followed by a list of correction factors to determine the tide in a specific area. These reference points may be different in each publication, therefore, the correction factors will vary. For instance, Newsday uses Jones Inlet for a reference with the correction for Democrat Point being minus 19 minutes; The Fisherman uses Sandy Hook as a reference with a minus 38 minute correction for the same location. This will determine the time of high water. In order to ascertain slack water for this same area an additional correction factor must be counted in. The correction for Fire Island Inlet is plus 2 hours and 50 minutes, a considerable difference in time when attempting to pinpoint the most favorable time to fish.

In reality not very confusing, but when the effects of persistent strong winds and the changeover phases of the moon are encountered, this schedule can be altered to a significant degree.

It is apparent that an angler should have a basic understanding of the area he fishes. This, coupled with an awareness of the existing tidal conditions, will help to reduce the number of unforeseen complications facing a surf fisherman. There are enough variables in the sport of surf fishing which cannot be calculated beforehand without adding to the list.

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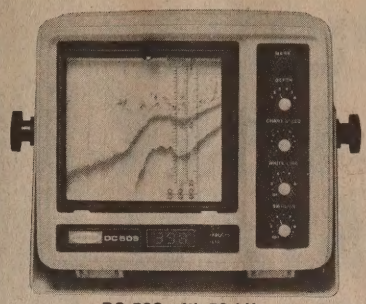

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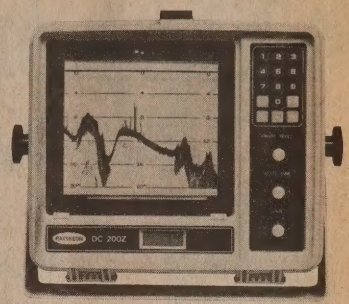

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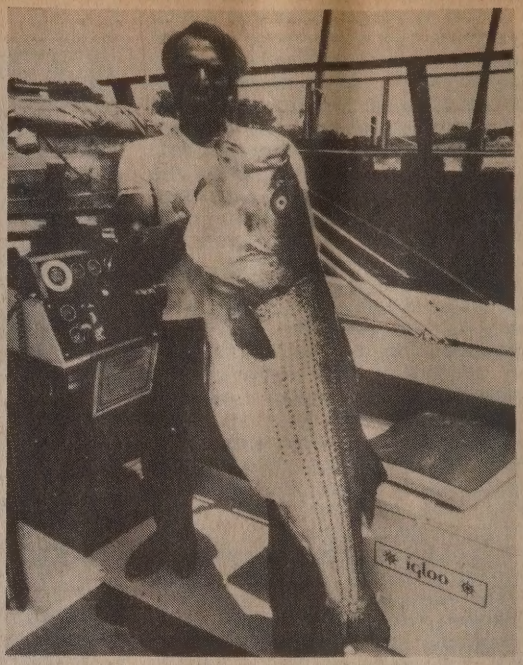

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FISH AND CAMP AT INDIAN RIVER

by Bob Rhodes

The water's gentle curl signalled the early stages of a rip. Would the outward flow also carry the small mullet and the 2 to 3 lb. bluefish that had smacked them all afternoon, we wondered?

Apparently the birds thought so. Gulls were now circling the churning water as six of us (soon to be joined by dozens more) cast bucktails from the jetty.

Tension mounted as the rip grew. Suddenly, a rod tip dipped toward the foaming water swirling against the slick rocks. A reel screamed as another rod sprang to life. Before the first fish was hoisted onto the slippery rocks all six of us were into bluefish. The blitz was definitely under way. It was Indian River Inlet fishing at its finest.

Superlative fishing is not the only Indian River attraction. Delaware's famed fishing estuary connects Rehoboth Bay and the Atlantic Ocean and is part of Delaware Seashores State Park, which also offers excellent camping.

Imagine a weekend or even a week camped within almost casting distance of the sea wall with jetty and ocean fishing a scant hundred yards away. Fishermen with boats will also find well-placed launching ramps for acces to the full range of bay/inlet fishing.

The park boasts room for several hundred rigs along with spacious, paved parking lots for day trip fishermen. Access points for four-wheel drive beach buggies are another feature along the shoreline. Whether you prefer to fish the relatively quiet waters at the sea wall, challenge

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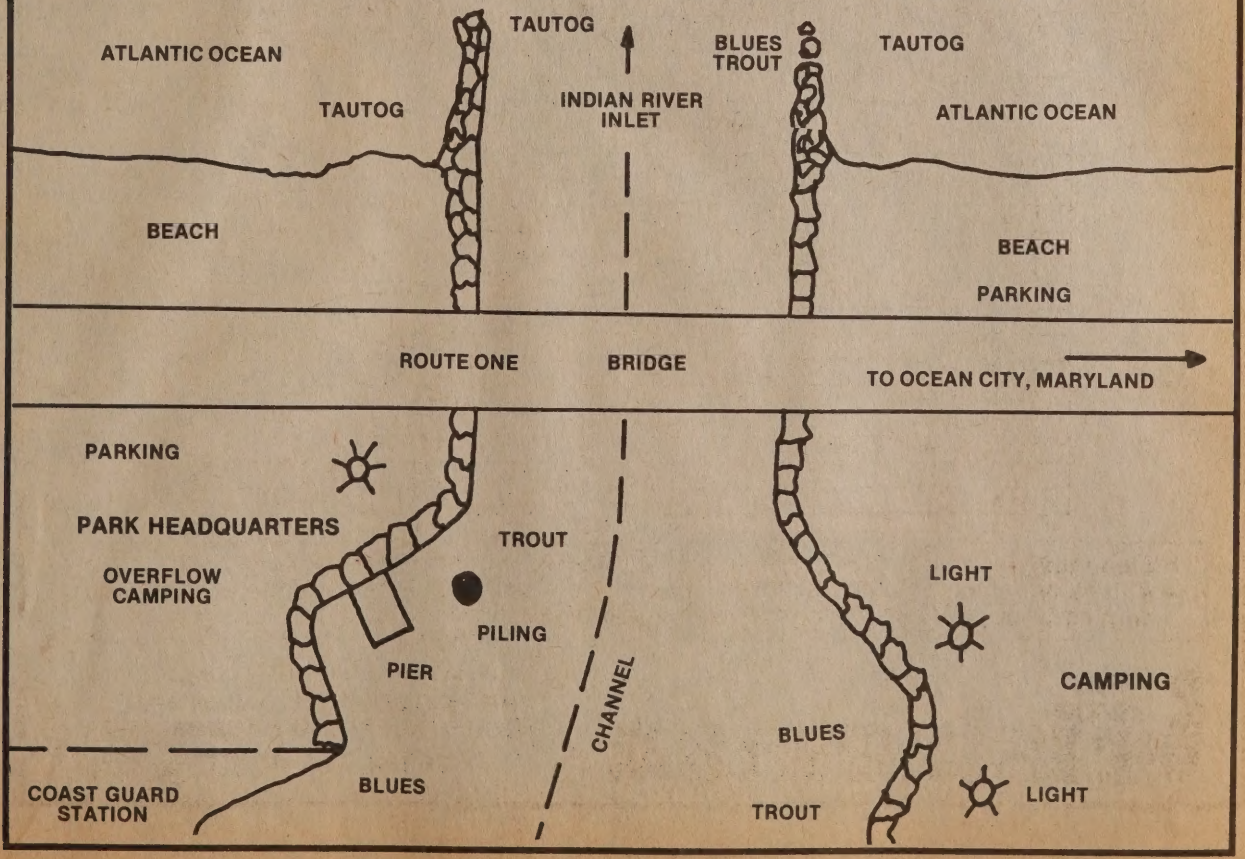
General layout of Indian River Inlet. Tautog hotspots are at the north jetty as well as the end of the south jetty. The piling at the north jetty is a particularly popular location for sea trout. Best area for casting to channel is directly west of Route 1 bridge before sea wall swings away from deepest water. Note the fishing opportunities in the shallows at the south jetty and west of the pier at the north jetty. In addition to the piling location at the north jetty, the lighted areas at the south jetty are favored for night fishing—especially live lining spot for sea trout.



rogue waves that pound the jetties or work the beach, Indian River offers it all.

Five species of fish draw anglers throughout the year: sea trout (weakfish), blackfish (tautog), bluefish, winter and summer flounder (fluke). An occasional striper can still be coaxed from the brine but Delaware has a moratorium on striped bass fishing.

Sea Trout. Attracted to the inlet by the abundance of bait fish—especially spot—sea trout are a favorite of Indian River anglers. Whether sought from rocks awash with foaming water or from the quiet back waters, trout are usually available if the bait fish cooperate.

Such was not the case in 1985, unfortunately. The virtual absence of spot had trout seekers muttering to themselves and, with some reluctance, casting for the more prevalent bluefish.

The prevailing opinion concerning the scarcity of spot centered on an early warming followed by a sudden chill during the 1985 spring. Early spawned spot couldn't survive the cool-down, say knowledgeable locals.

This year will hopefully witness an improvement in trout volume and anglers interested in pursuing those spotted beauties are advised to work both day and night tides. However, Indian River is bucktail country and although you won't be driven from the rocks if you use other techniques, bucktails are a common tool.

Those with jetty spikes and the courage to challenge incoming water will find the end of the south jetty a productive location. Working bucktails, with or without the adornment of a plastic worm, during early morning or daytime gets results. However, live lining spot at night is particularly effective.

More quiet, but no less productive trout fishing is found along the sea wall at the north jetty. Just west of the Route 1 bridge on that side a piling protrudes from the water a scant 10 to 15 yards from shore. It marks a trout hole where swirling currents attract trout in numbers. Bucktails by day and Mirrolures or live spot by night are the tickets to success.

Old-timers also talk about the north pocket where bait fish are often trapped against the rocks by incoming water. Swimming plugs, bucktails or metals cast from either the beach or the jetty will produce when predators are attacking the hapless bait.

A final trout consideration is the sea wall at night. Locations directly beneath the tall mercury lights that illuminate the camping area at the south jetty are special favorites. And the piling location on the north jetty is also well lighted. Live lining spot at any illuminated location seldom disappoints. Fish finder rigs and moving water are the combinations to consider.

Bait is seldom a problem because spot can be caught during the day for the night's fishing. An alternative is to visit Old Inlet Bait and Tackle, just a mile north of the Inlet on the south side of Route 1. All the bait and supplies you'll need are on hand.

Blackfish. Tog tuggers have ample opportunity considering the hundreds of yards of rocks lining both sides of the inlet. However, several locations seem to attract more attention than others. Along the south jetty, for example, the end, as well as the area beneath the Route 1 bridge are favored. Anglers also seem to hit consistently at a location adjacent to where the cement walk running along the south jetty meets the beach.

The north jetty offers some unique locations as well. And since only overflow camping is available on that side, the pressure is usually lighter. But you'll have to brave the slippery rocks to share in the north jetty's blackfish horde.

The first hotspot is located on the *inlet* side of the north rocks almost at the jetty's end. As you walk toward the end, watch for two rocks on the inlet side with four or five shallow, parallel grooves cut into their top surfaces. The grooves are about 6 inches long and run to the rocks' edges facing the inlet.

After locating the two rocks in question, step forward one more rock.

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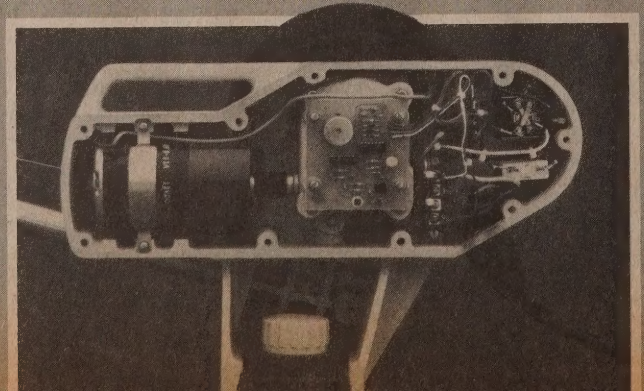

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That is, move toward the jetty's end and you'll be positioned over a ledge favored by blackfish. If you drop your line about 4 to 5 feet straight ahead into inlet waters, your bait should clear the structure and reach the fish waiting below.

The second tog hotspot is located about 20 to 30 yards back from the above location toward the beach and *on the pocket side.* Unfortunately, there are no distinguishing marks flagging the location, so you'll have to probe awhile. However, locals say that a hole exists on that side from which some mighty large blackfish have been hoisted.

Concerning tools and technique, Indian River tog respond to Virginia and Beak hooks on which green crabs or sand fleas have been impaled. Bait is available locally or you can dig your own sand fleas along the beach.

Bluefish. As you might expect, when they're in, bluefish can be everywhere. But they're at some locations more than others and it pays to work the favorite haunts.

The end of the south jetty on an outgoing tide is where the blitz forms. The north jetty doesn't get that kind of action. But as we described earlier, the north pocket can be very productive when bait fish are trapped by incoming water. And the north pocket is also the location for cast netters.

Memorable moments can be had at the south pocket, too. Slammer-size blues are often taken during the fall by casting bait oceanward from the jetty's end. The jetty jocks frequently fare better than their brethren engaging in casting practice at the beach.

Bluefish also swim upriver and work the channel west of the Route 1 bridge. Fishermen with boats drift the channel from the bridge toward the mouth of the bay generally working bucktails along the bottom. Although most of the channel west of the bridge is beyond casting distance from the sea wall on either side of the inlet, the area *directly west* of the bridge can be reached by anglers using surf-length rods and metal lures or bucktails weighted by in-line sinkers.

At times, smaller blues prowl the shallows along the back reaches of the sea wall well off the main channel. A favorite place on the south jetty is the location where the cement walk and iron railing end, near the entrance to the camping area that parallels the south rocks.

Young anglers, particularly, enjoy fishing for snappers with bobber rigs at that spot and it's a great way to introduce a youngster to fishing.

The north jetty has a few choice locations to consider when blues are on the move. The area west of the piling of sea trout fame and up to the fence surrounding the Coast Guard Station is worth considering. Also located there is a small pier for senior citizens so the old-timers can be sure that their hooks clear the rocks.

Reaching Indian River Inlet is an easy matter. Travelers from the north should take Rt. 13 south to Dover. (Jersey anglers can reach Rt. 13 by taking the N.J. Turnpike to the Delaware Memorial Bridge, which leads directly to the highway). Bear left at Dover and follow the signs for Rt. 113 and the beaches. Continue on Rt. 113 until Milford where Rt. 1 begins. Follow Rt. 1 through Rehoboth Beach and to the park about 7 miles beyond.

From the south, take Rt. 1 north through Ocean City, Maryland. The inlet is about 4 miles north of Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Park officials say that camping facilties will be open on the second Friday in March during 1986 and remain open until the third weekend in November. Camping fees are $8/night for a self-contained rig and $12/night for a rig using a three-point hook-up.

Non-camping anglers will find that the park is open all yar. Fishermen working the inlet before March or after November can park 24-hours a day in the parking lot at the north side or directly at the sea wall on the south side. The only requirement, say park officials, is that one must be fishing and not camping.

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BUGS FOR STEELHEAD

by Drew Springer

There must be several hundred steelhead patterns and they all work under the right conditions. A steelheader's fly box is a panorama of colors, with special emphasis on the fluorescents. I've tied and tried my share of gaudy and subdued steelhead patterns, however, the only fly I have consistently scored with is the Glo-Bug. It's round, it glows, and it sure catches steelhead.

What is a Glo-Bug? The Glo-Bug is nothing more than a ball of fluorescent yarn on a hook. It is not really a "bug" in the insect sense of the word, but more than likely passes for loose spawn in natural egg colors. In other colors—especially the bright ones—it is probably just something that triggers the striking instinct, or perhaps the curiosity, of the aggressive steelhead. One of Webster's definitions of "bug" is "to annoy," and surely this is the case with the Glo-Bug.

Most steelhead patterns are fancy, require an assortment of colorfully dyed materials and take a little bit of time to tie. The beautiful thing about the Glo-Bug is that you can tie one in a minute, or less and with the bare minimum of fly tying skill or materials. Another good thing about Glo-Bugs is that they are so simple to tie, you're not afraid of losing them and can fish them effectively through the steelhead lies. But perhaps the best thing about Glo-Bugs is their effectiveness, sometimes taking fish when other flies, baits and methods fail.

If you have ever fished nymphs, or are a good worm or salmon egg fisherman, you already have what it takes to fish Glo-Bugs. The Glo-Bug technique is the same as the dead drift nymph or bait techniques. Basically, you cast up and across, and roll or bounce the Glo-Bug along the bottom through places you suspect steelhead are resting during their upstream journey. Early in the morning, or towards dark, when the steelhead are on the move, all you have to do is fish the main current flow any place in the pool.

Follow the drift with your rod tip and strike when your line stops or twitches. The strike of a daytime resting steelhead is usually barely detectable and requires your utmost concentration. On the other hand, I've had moving steelhead strike so hard, they almost took the rod out of my hands. The mint green color of the Cortland 444-SL and the sunset orange color of the Scientific Anglers Ultra fly lines are, in my opinion, perfect for steelheading because of their visibility in poor light conditions. You can also fish Glo-Bugs with a fly rod and monofilament line, or with spinning gear. Don't forget your Polaroids as they will help you read the water and follow your line. When the water is low and clear, they will also enable you to spot fish in shallower pools and pockets.

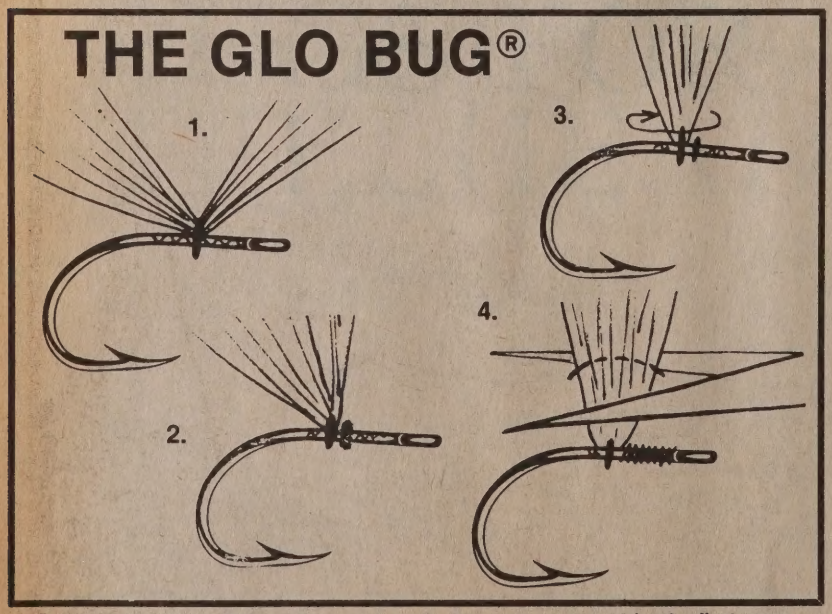
For low water steelheading in shallow lies. I can sometimes fish on the bottom without adding weight to my leader. In these cases, the weight of the hook is sufficient to sink the Glo-Bug and keep it down. Although weighted flies are permitted in New York's Salmon River where I fish for steelhead. I feel weighting the Glo-Bug decreases its naturalness and increases chances of it snagging on the bottom. I vary the weight of my Glo-Bugs by simply changing the hook size. For example, a small, heavy Glo-Bug is merely an undersized one tied on a large hook.

New York's regulations for the Salmon River further state that all lead applied to the leader must be at least 24 inches from the hook. The fisherman must place a swivel or split ring at the 24 inch point and add his lead shot above this. The swivel or split ring acts like a block to keep the weight from "accidentally" sliding closer to the hook where it can aid snaggers, or "lifters" as they are known.

I use a slight variation of this for Glo-Bugging. My basic leader is 9 feet tapered to .013. This enables me to roll-cast an appreciable amount of split shot and fish a reasonable distance below the floating fly line. At the end of the leader is tied a barrel swivel, and to the other side of that is tied the tippet. Generally, I prefer a 6 or 8 pound test tippet, but go as light as 4 and as heavy as 12, depending on the water height, clarity and spookiness of the fish. My tippets are usually between 36 and 48 inches since I find longer lengths increase the technique's effectiveness. An improved clinch knot is used to tie the tippet to the swivel, and the tag of this left untrimmed. This is where I add my lead shot which can easily be pulled off the end of the tag should it become snagged on the bottom—and it will! The tag should be between 2 and 4 inches long. This is basically a variation of the three way swivel rig used by egg fishermen on the Salmon River.

Removable Water Gremlin split shot with "ears" is a boon to the Glo-Bugger as he must vary his weight according to the swiftness and depth of the water. Sizes 3/0 and BB are the sizes I use the most for low water steelheading. High water steelheading is best done with a spinning or casting rod which will more easily and effectively handle lots of lead.

A word about hooks. The Mustad

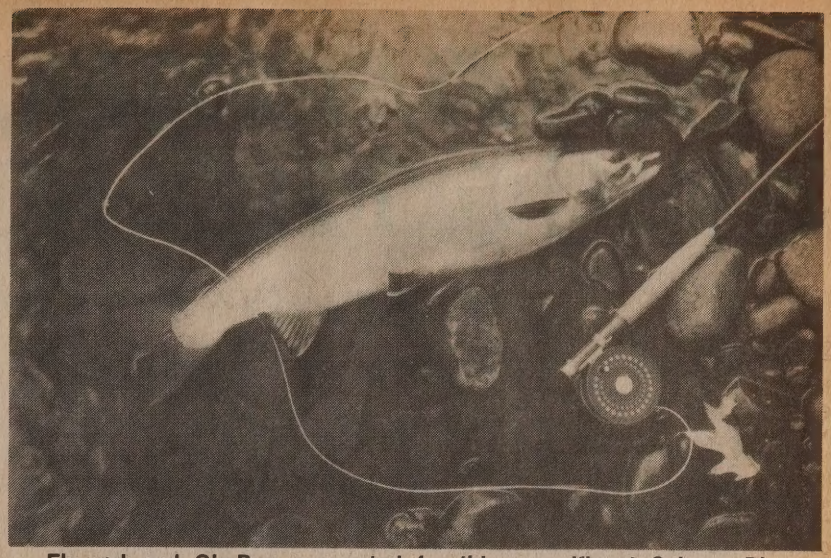


Tying Instructions: Secure thread to hook. Put yarn on top of hook all at once, wrapping in center 4 to 6 times (figure 1). Do not let yarn slip around hook. Pulling yarn back, wrap thread directly in front of yarn about 8 times (figure 2). Circle yarn at base (keeping on top of hook) 3 times (figure 3). Fill in front of yarn to eye with thread. Whip finish or half-hitch thread and cut. Holding yarn vertically, cut all at once in slight arc (figure 4). Fluff yarn down with fingers and trim round.

#9174 is touted as being the hook on which to tie Glo-Bugs. However, I have not had good hooking and landing success with this style. I prefer regular salmon egg style hooks like the Mustad 92168 and VMC 9299. The 92168 has a barbed shank which I usually flatten with a pair of pliers. I haven't yet been able to find an unbarbed shank version of this hook style locally. My preference is for nickel-plated hooks, but it probably doesn't really matter. The best all-around hook size for me has been a #6.

You'll surely blunt hook points by getting caught on stream bottom rocks. My success in resharpening the dulled hook points has been marginal, at best. Rather than miss a hit, I recommend that you discard the inexpensive, easy-to-tie Glo-Bug and knot on a new one. Carry plenty of Glo-Bugs. Hits can often be few and far between on a steelhead river and you can't afford to miss the opportunities as they present themselves.

Glo-Bugs are made from a special synthetic yarn which comes in the following fluorescent colors: Flame, Golden Nugget, Salmon Egg, Cream Delight, Egg, Pink Lady, Champagne, Moss, Apricot Supreme, Peachy King, Cherise, Chartreuse, Deep Dark Red, White, Baby Pink, Sunrise Yellow, Light Roe, Dark Roe, Oregon Cheese, Burnt Orange, Cotton Candy, Steelhead Orange and Alaskan Roe. Some are natural spawn colors, while others are not, as you could probably tell. My favorite colors have been chartreuse, Alaskan roe, flame and light roe which have taken browns, regular rainbows and chinook in addition to steelhead. The redder colors were excellent for steelhead in bad light and off-color water.



Fly rod and Glo-Bug accounted for this magnificent Salmon River steelhead.

You can buy Glo-Bug yarn at shops specializing in steelhead fishing, or direct from The Bug Shop, 3342 Dodson Lane, Anderson, CA 96007. The cost is $2 per 13 yard package, plus a one-time postage and handling charge of $1. The Bug Shop also sells the tools and other ingredients necessary for tying Glo-Bugs. In addition to the yarn and hooks, you'll need a spool of **very** strong Kevlar or rod winding thread and a pair of **very** sharp shears.

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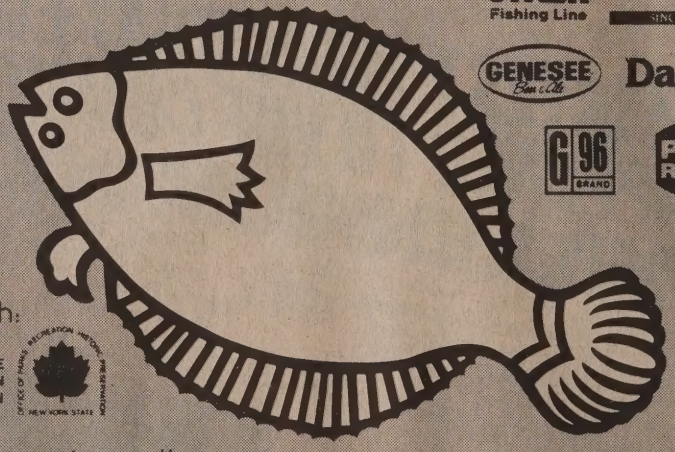

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RIPS, SLIPS AND OTHER WADING BITS

by Andrew A. Gennaro

Whether you do your wading in river or surf, these tips are sure to keep you safe and dry.

Every serious freshwater and saltwater fisherman has at least one pair of hip boots or waders. The more he fishes, the better his chances of having several pairs of wading gear. And also the more he fishes, the more likely he is to experience leaks in his waders or boots. Sooner or later, this happens to everyone.

You'll know when your wading gear needs patching the first time you step into icy water, but finding the exact location of the leak may require a little detective work. I once read something which advised anglers to turn their waders inside-out, hang them from the basement rafters, and fill them with water to locate the leak. I can't help but wonder if the person who wrote this actually practiced what he preached. Do you have any idea how much a pair of waders filled with water weighs? Can you imagine trying to empty a pair of waders filled with water? Can you visualize the mess this tactic creates? What about the apartment dweller who doesn't have a basement ceiling to hang the waders from or even a basement with a water outlet to do all this messy stuff? True, some Fisherman readers can do all this in their backyards, but why go through all this trouble?

After many years of patching many pairs of waders and boots, I'm convinced that the only practical and easy way to locate leaks is with the aid of a flashlight. The right angle bend Boy Scout flashlight is perfect for this task. Just sit in a darkened room and run the flashlight around the area where you suspect leaks. An actual hole will show up as a pinpoint of white light, whereas weak spots (potential leaks) will glow orange. Once you have located the leak, circle it with a ballpoint pen, crayon or soft lead pencil so you can easily find it again once you turn on the lights.

There are an assortment of commercial patching kits available at your local sport shop. In my humble opinion, the best wader and hip boot patch kit I've found thus far is put out by Hodgeman. Their kit has ample size pieces of a variety of patching materials—even for vinyl rain wear. Patch rubber portions of your wading gear with the rubber pieces in the kit, and rubberized canvas with those pieces.

From my experience. the only

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A pair of Korkers, left, or rubbers with doctored soles, right, will go a long way to ensure good footing over slippery bottom.

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worth of repair kits is as a source of patching material. I have tried every type of wader patch glue provided with these kits, rubber cements and various types of contact cements. All of these provided only a temporary repair at best. After a few days of use, the patches would peel and need regluing. I detest spending every other week repatching my waders in preparation for the upcoming weekend. Urethane Bond, a product by Dow Corning, changed all this.

The patch itself should always be cut round, or at least with rounded corners, to help prevent peeling. If the leak is in an area subjected to a lot of chafing, or stress and strain, double patching it—both inside and out—will make it last forever. A strong, reliable patch bond can be achieved by coating both the patch and waders with a layer of Urethane Bond, making sure the cemented area on the wading gear is at least 1/16" larger than the patch on all its sides and roughen boot surface for best results. Next, position the patch and place a piece of wax paper over it, and a flat surface (a block of wood or a book) on top of that. The wax paper will prevent any stray cement from forming a permanent bond with the flat surface, which presses the patch and assures good adherence. Additional books, sinkers, bars of gold bullion, or other weighty things, should now be added to aid the pressing process until the cement has been allowed to dry overnight. In lieu of the weight, you can use c-clamps, or spring clamps, and sandwich the patch and waders between two blocks of wood or books.

Unfortunately, leaks don't always occur in areas where they can easily be found and patched. For example, the sole seam. This is a toughy. The easiest way to locate a sole seam leak is to squeeze the suspected leak area. This will force both water and air from within the seam, oftentimes blowing a bubble. When you find it, circle it like we mentioned before.

A permanent sole seam leak patch is a difficult accomplishment, and I have only had marginal success in patching this area. The flexing of the sole and the shape of the seam make a permanent patch almost an impossibility. The longest lasting patching material I've found for this area is once again the Urethane Bond itself. I roughen the surrounding area with coarse sandpaper and help the inside of the leak to dry by prying the hole open with wedge-shaped sticks. When dry, I work some cement into the leak with a toothpick and bead cement along the sole seam for a short distance on either side of the leak. It may not last forever, but will last a lot longer than Goop and similar materials touted for this purpose.

Sure footing is another way to keep water out of your wading gear. One method of assuring good footing is by adding "Rock Grabbers" to your boot bottoms. "Rock Grabbers" are soles and heels cut from outdoor-indoor carpeting, into which are inserted galvanized roofing nails. Five or six spaced strategically in the heel and 8 or 10 in the sole work fine. The nails are then cut off even with the carpet, which, in turn, is glued to your boot bottoms with the heads of the nails down. Two or three liberal coats of Weldwood Contact Cement, or Barge Cement, should securely hold your new studded soles. Let each coat soak in and dry thoroughly before applying the next, and follow the manufacturer's directions for the final coats. If you're applying these soles to cleated boots, first grind the cleats down with an abrasive grinding wheel since the flatter the surface, the better the bond. "Rock Grabbers" give you the same gripping effect as studded snow tires.

There are other alternatives to assure sound footing. One of these is rubber sandals with pointed carbide steel studs, known as "Korkers." Another is rubber overshoes with aluminum cleats riveted to their soles, or golf shoe studs inserted. I have no experience with golf-studded rubbers but friends report satisfactory results. I have, however, used the rubbers having aluminum cleats. These work fine in 99.9% of the wading situations in this region, but are almost useless on the flat, algae-slick rocks in the Salmon River. As far as I'm concerned, Korkers are the only things to conquer the Salmon, and judging by the number I see in use, other fishermen share this opinion.

Korkers are the product of: Korkers, P.O. Box 166, Grants Pass, OR 97526. Rubbers with aluminum cleats originated in the West and are available through Dan Bailey's Fly Shop, 209 West Park St., Livingston, MT 59047 and other mail order tackle retailers. Rubbers with golf studs are produced by Walt's Walkers, P.O. Box 32, Manahawking, NJ 08050. All of these products are sold by leading tackle shops.

There are other types of wading sandals and strap-ons with chains or cleats. They all work to some degree, however, these don't seem to be as readily available in local tackle shops as the products mentioned. There is also a product called "Kleet Feet" which consists of aluminum drive rivets which mushroom when struck with a hammer. You have to drill shallow holes in your boot soles to install them. Stay away from "Kleet Feet" unless you don't fish very often, or walk very much. I started losing these rivet cleats the second day of use and now only one very worn cleat remains. These cleats were all worn or lost in a matter of days and a letter to obtain replacement cleats remains unanswered.

Since the Salmon River has been mentioned, now's a good time to pass along some tips for buying wading gear for cold weather fishing. If at all possible, buy a pair having insulated boot feet and **don't** buy your shoe size. It is **very** important that your waders for winter fishing be at least

one size larger than your normal summer fishing boots so as not to restrict blood circulation and allow the use of sufficient pairs of wool socks. With insulated boots and the proper fit, you can usually get by with one pair of lightweight socks under two pairs of heavy duty wool boot socks. Pile-lined booties or Bama Sokkets can often be substituted for one or both pairs of the heavy duty wool boot socks. This type of footwear wicks away perspiration. Once again, **don't** buy your regular boot or shoe size. The best way to buy wading gear for cold weather fishing is to bring the inner footwear you will be wearing with you, and fit the boots to this. Everyone's cold weather tolerances are different, so the amount of inner footwear you choose depends on your own history of cold feet. Of course, if you only fish in the summertime, you don't have to wear so many pairs of socks, nor do you have to be so concerned with a loose enough fit.

Whenever the going is tough and there is danger of a dunking, waders are preferred over hippers. Chest waders will also keep you warmer in cold weather, drier in rainstorms and allow you to fish more water more effectively. If you wear chest waders, you should also wear an outside belt around them. Besides providing a place to hang your bait container, or tie your wading staff cord, the belt helps stop the flow of water down your legs. Should you take a spill, quickly bend over and empty your waders as soon as you can right yourself. Some water will probably dribble down your legs, but it won't be nearly as much as if you didn't wear the belt. Wool under wader garments are preferable, since wool will still provide warmth if it accidentally gets a little wet.

Sure footing is also assured by using a wading staff. You can quickly and easily make an ideal one by removing the basket from an old ski pole. A broom handle drilled so you can fasten it to a length of heavy cord, also works fine. The cord is used with all types of wading staffs and it is tied to your outside wader belt, or wader suspenders. It prevents accidental loss of the staff, and tethers it to you during periods of non-use. My own personal preference is that the cord be long enough to drape over my upstream shoulder when the staff isn't in use so it trails behind me in the water and doesn't get in the way. For those who don't like the idea of toting a wading staff around, the Folstaff Company makes a handy collapsible one which you can stuff in your waders when it isn't being used.

Here's a little tip for those of you who wade raging rivers without a wading staff. If your car is on the other side, don't remove your rig and reel your line through the guides after making your last cast of the day. Instead, leave your lure or rig on until you've safely waded over to the other side. If you're in trouble, or unsure of your footing, this will enable you to make a cast to the opposite shore. Hooked in a tree, grass, or whatever, your line should give you the support you need to wade safely across.

Flyrodders can use their long rods and thick lines to an advantage when negotiating rough water with unsure footing. To gain balance when shifting feet, etc., the rod can be pointed downstream and held against the surface where the friction of the water flowing against the rod blank will aid his balance. The same kind of support can also be obtained by trailing several yards of fly line downstream in the current.

I'm a big booster of Polaroid sunglasses for fishing as they allow the wearer to "read" the water, spot fish and reduce eye strain. I never fail to mention this when I conduct trout fishing clinics for The Fisherman. Perhaps I should also mention that Polaroids are especially important for breaking the surface glare so you can pick out a good route and flat bottom when wading. If you haven't already learned from experience, avoid stepping on top of large rocks as their round or sloping surfaces tend to be slippery, or they may tilt under your weight.

Well, there you have it. Rips, slips and other wading bits. Hopefully, this will help you stay dry, warm and on your feet while wading.

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A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO DISTANCE CASTING

by Tom Goodspeed

English casting techniques may result in some astronomical distances, but are not practical for most surf fishing situations.

For the past half-dozen years, much has been written about John Holden and the British method of distance casting. I do suspect, however, that this technique for casting a country mile is more suited for the tournament field than for the high surf. I've worked with the new method and the system does increase my distance. The negative aspects of the system, though, have led me to continue with the cast described on these pages, a cast that is much more suited to crowded beaches and to the practical business of catching fish.

My hesitancy in using the British system stems from (1) the fact that a great deal of practice is necessary to make it work; (2) it is incredibly dangerous to use on a crowded beach; and (3) accuracy really goes out the window with its use—a plus or minus 30 degrees to the right or left was the best that I could maintain consistently. I'm sure that with time, my accuracy could be improved and I would be more than content with my distances. I'm not too sure that I can find the time required to practice and I know that I would never use the technique with another fisherman nearby. It is interesting to note that I have never seen an angler use the technique while actually fishing. Not once!

The technique I use was developed on our own East Coast many years ago by the Tidewater Anglers Club of Norfolk, Virginia. Major Kight, who,

along with Claude Rogers, taught me to cast, held the club's record spin cast back then of 472 feet and Marion Hudson's conventional record cast was 435 feet. This was close to a quarter century ago! Think what these men could do today with our graphite blanks and ceramic guides! Visit Cape Point on Hatteras Island or the 14th Street Bar at Barnegat Inlet or Race Point up on the Cape and you'll see this technique used by the pros, the sun burned weather-worn anglers who seem to live on the beach.

The gear required would preferably be a one-piece 11 foot fairly stiff surf rod. The Hatteras Heaver designed by Claude Rogers back in those days would be the prototype to which you would still design. I make my own and limit the hardware to four guides and a tiptop. My reel has a large diameter spool and the bail wire has been cut off with a hacksaw, converting to to "manual." With bait, I'll use 20 lb. monofilament line but when tossing lures, I'll use 12 lb. mono—or even eight. Either way, I'll use a 20 foot length of 60 lb. mono as a shock leader. The 20 foot specification comes from the need for a long drop-back, positioning the lure or sinker prior to casting somewhere between the reel and the large first, or gathering, guide. The shock leader must then reach the reel and wrap around the spool a half dozen times, so that we are "casting" 60 lb. mono, not 20 or 12 lb. The lighter line is simply pulled through the air by the heavier shock leader as it sails on out. Should I dispense with the shock leader, I'd snap the 20 lb. mono fairly frequently on the cast—and I could snap the 12 lb. mono virtually at will.

Step One: Face up the beach, feet comfortably spread and parallel to the water's edge. Drop the lure down to the ready position as shown and very deliberately get a good grip on the rod, ready to cast.

Step Two: Gently swing the lure forward.

Step Three: Firmly, swing the lure far to your rear, simultaneously reaching back as far as you can. The goal is to position the lure as far to your rear as is possible.

Step Four: Thrust the rod, butt first, forward as far as you can. Note the camera loses the lure due to the speed of its travel, but its position is generally as circled.

Step Five: With your right hand as a fulcrum, snap the rod forward, pulling back with your left hand and pushing off with your right. Literally try to snap your rod in two, breaking it at the reel seat. Over the years, I have actually broken two rods on the cast.

Step Six: Straighten out your finger and let the lure sail. To make the manual bail function, catch the line with your finger **just as the lure is about to hit the water**, and lift it towards the rod, placing the line on the bail pick-up as you simultaneously turn the crank.

Note: When casting bait and a sinker, I may be attempting to heave a half pound or more of terminal gear a distance of close to 80 yards (6 oz. of lead, 2 oz. of bait). As I snap the rod forward in Step. Five, I can leave the terminal rig hanging in the air to my rear and merely strip line off my reel as I snap the rod forward. Even the slippage of only 3 or 4 inches of line off the spool will cause me to lose much of the distance I seek. So, I usually tighten the drag down tight prior to casting and then loosen it upon completion of the cast. This step is normally not required when casting only a couple of ounces of artificial lure.

With this fairly simple technique and with reasonably decent equipment, you should be able to cast some 75 yards with bait and over the mythical 100 yards with an Atom popper or a metal lure such as the Hopkins Shorty.

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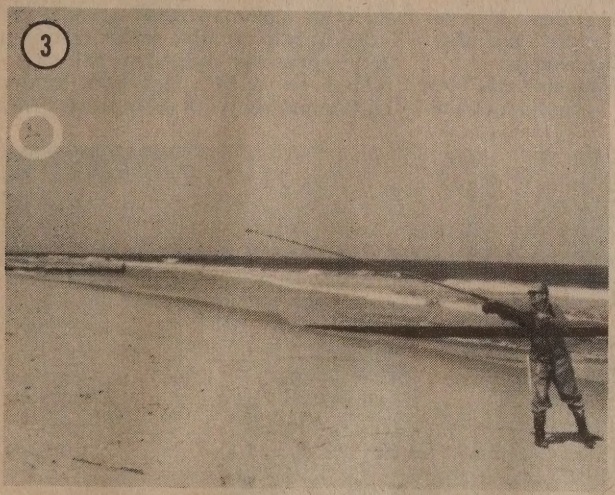
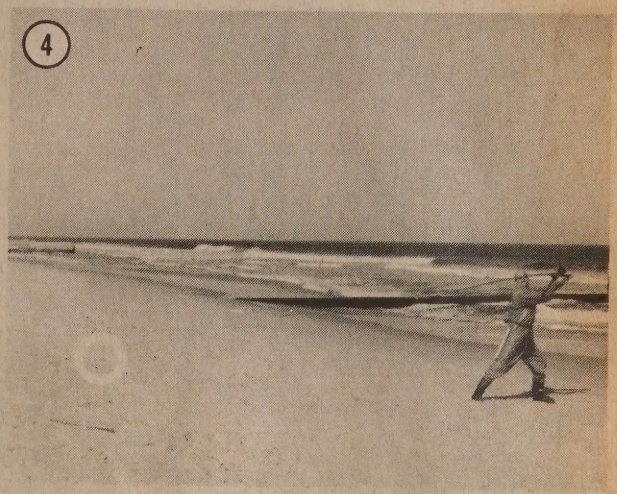
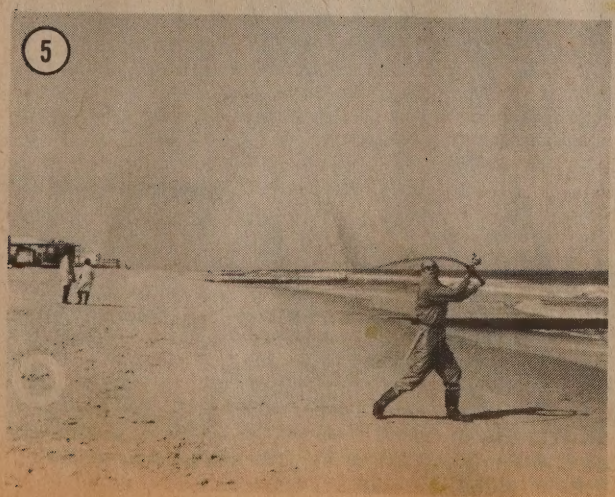






GEAR UP FOR FAST SHAD ACTION

by Art Michaels

American shad are surprisingly easy to catch, and in the hands of a good cook, they're terrific table fare. Every spring they invade the Delaware River, making their way upstream to spawn and at this time, these vigorous fish are superb battlers on light tackle.

Shad are anadromous, which means that they live in saltwater and enter freshwater to spawn. Any fisherman who lives within reasonable driving distance of the Delaware River can take advantage of this special seasonal opportunity.

To battle American shad and fill your creel, pay attention to certain details that tilt the odds of scoring greatly in your favor. Here are some of those ideas.

You can catch shad from shore or from boats. I prefer boat fishing because it's more versatile. Many different kinds of boats are practical for shad fishing in the Delaware because the river can accommodate small boats like 12 to 14 footers just about anywhere, and some accesses and long stretches of the river can handle larger boats to about 18 feet with enormous power plants. I fish the river in my two boats. One is a 12 foot aluminum semi-vee with a 4 hp engine that I launch in shallow places. The other is a 16 foot center console with a 65 hp kicker that I launch in deeper pools.

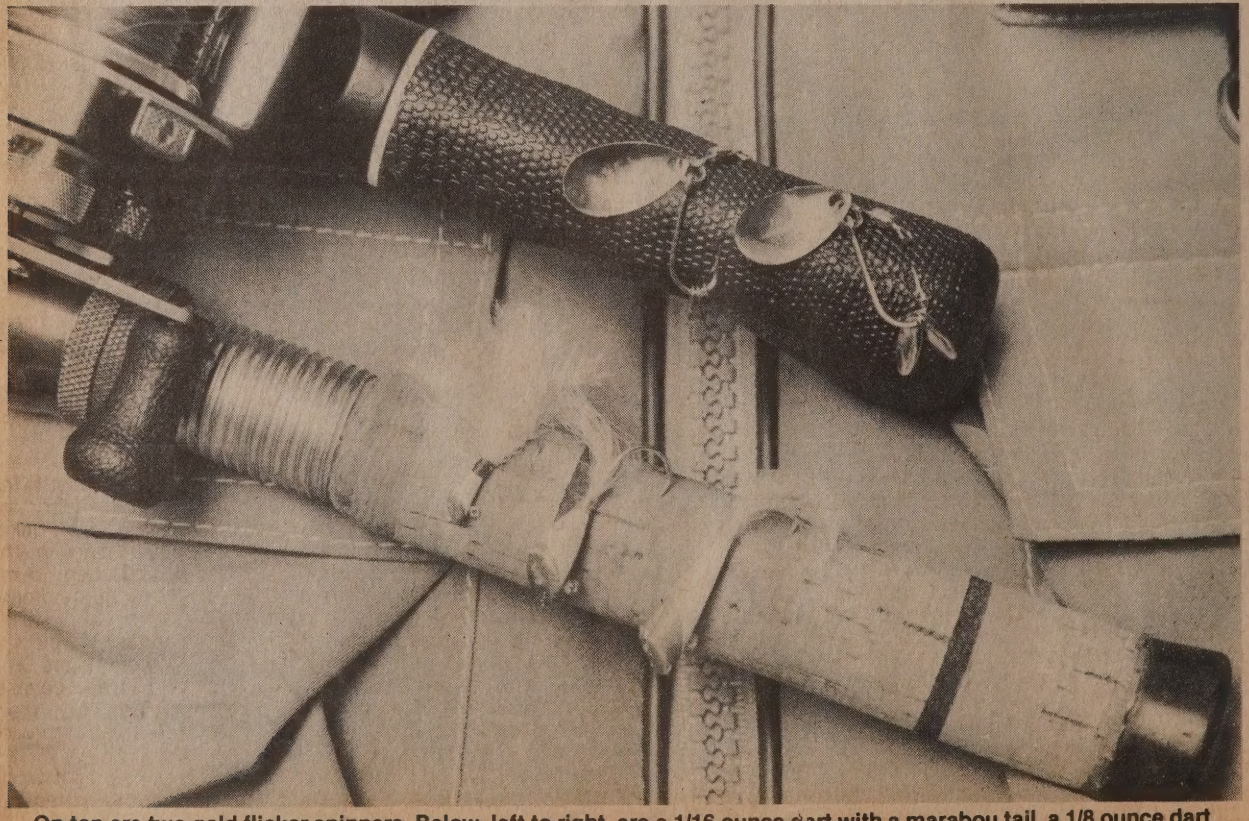
There are many places where you can launch your boat. The NJ DEP Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife has available a guide sheet called "Delaware River Boat Access Sites," which lists some 38 accesses in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. You can get a copy by writing to: Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, Pequest Natural Resources Education Center, RR1, Box 389, Oxford, NJ 07863. With requests include a stamped, business-sized self-addressed envelope.

In addition, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission offers a useful publication called "Delaware River Fishing and Boating Guide," which shows several specific launch areas in Pennsylvania as well as in New Jersey. For a free copy, contact: Publications Section, Pennsylvania Fish Commission, P.O. Box 1673, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1673.

In New York State, there are three public accesses on the Delaware River. All are located in Sullivan County off Route 97 at Callicoon, Skinners Falls, and Narrowsburg.

In the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania you can muster up good shad action virtually anywhere between Trenton and Port Jervis.

No matter what boat I use or where I put in, I always fish the same way with the same equipment and tackle. Rods for maximum shad action from boats should be light action spinning and baitcasting graphites. My workhorses are a 5½ foot light power baitcasting rod with a Shimano BMG



On top are two gold flicker spinners. Below, left to right, are a 1/16 ounce dart with a marabou tail, a 1/8 ounce dart with a white bucktail tail and a 1/4 ounce dart with a white bucktail tail.

21 SG spooled with 8 lb. test low visibility green line and a 6½ foot graphite spinning rod with a Mitchell 300 spooled with 6 lb. test mono. I sometimes also use a 5 foot ultralight graphite rod with an open face spinning reel loaded with 4 lb. test green mono.

Keep this important idea in mind when you select tackle for shad fishing: the largest shad year after year are caught by anglers who use 6 lb. test line. In addition to the right pound test line, leave your swivels and snaps at home when you hit the Delaware for shad. I attach the offering directly to the end of my line because additional hardware frequently interferes with lure action.

I offer the shad a great variety of darts most of the time. My selection depends on river conditions. If the river is up and cloudy, for instance, I go with a red and white or fluorescent green dart in the 1/4 or 1/8 ounce size. If the river is low and clear, as it was last season from the end of April into mid-May, I offer the fish the same color combinations of darts, but I use 1/16 and even 1/32 ounce sizes. When I want to fish these super-small darts in deep water, I sometimes place one or two split shot about 18 inches above the dart.

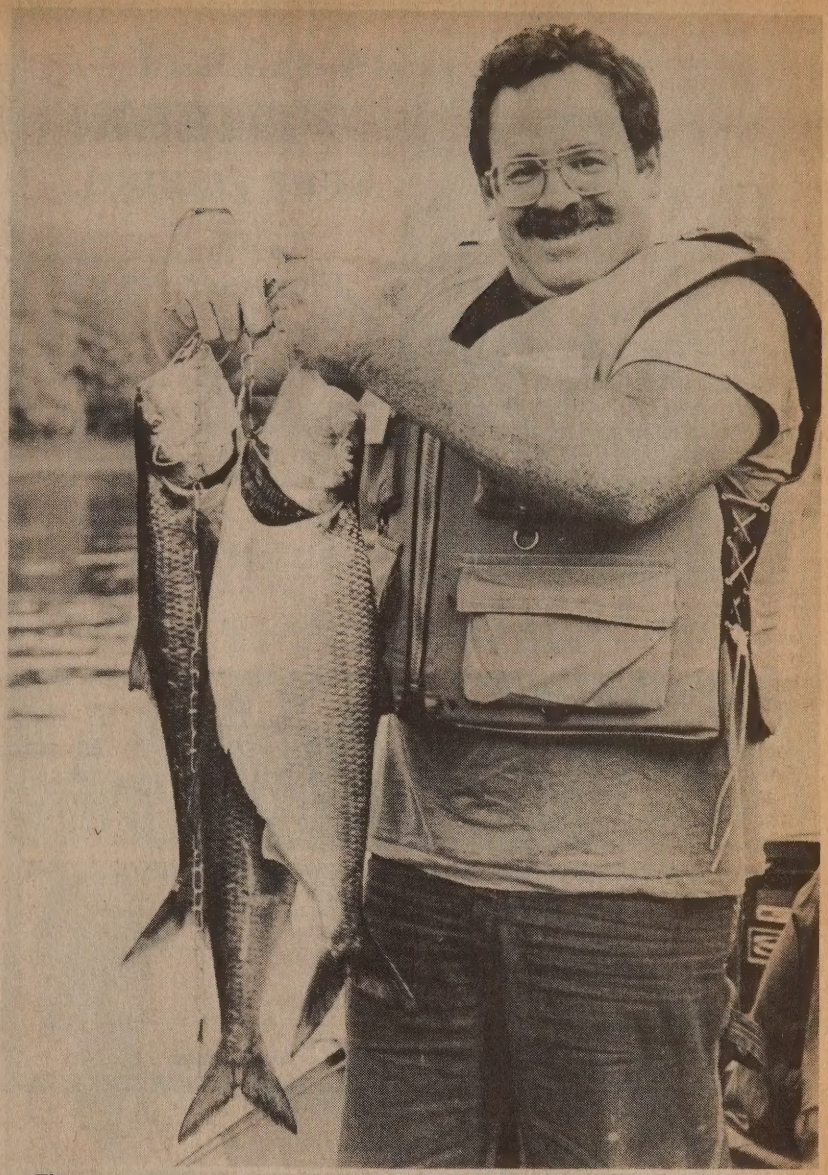
When you get to the river, check it out and decide what to offer the shad, but be sure you arrive at the river with a great variety of dart sizes and colors. Red and white darts have been the standard, but shad color preferences seem to change some years. Last year, for example, I heard of more shad caught on fluorescent green darts than on red and white ones.

Most of my darts, in all sizes, have bucktail or marabou tails of either white, yellow, or fluorescent green.

In addition to using that 6 lb. test line for the best chance of hooking a big shad, virtually all the largest fish are caught on darts, even though Delaware River shad fishermen offer the fish a variety of small spinners and spoons, too. No matter what the shad seem to prefer from year to year, I always wet at least one of my lines at the beginning of each trip with a good 'ole red and white dart with a yellow or white tail made of bucktail. This lure is the one the shad strike more often than any other offering.

One successful stragegy for boat fishing is to find a long, deep pool and anchor so that you can still fish the dart at the pool's head, tail, or right in the middle, about 20 to 40 yards behind your boat. You can prop your rod up in rod holders, or you could brace the pole against a seat and the gunwale, or lay it down some other way in your boat. In any case, keep a sharp eye on the rod, and make sure it won't go flying out of the boat when a big shad hits your offering. And believe me, if your rod isn't braced properly and a good sized shad hits, your rod will end up in the water!

You have to experiment with still fishing. If you get no action within 20 to 30 minutes, change strategies and every so often, reel in and check your dart for debris. Shad ignore darts that are adorned with debris.



The author caught these nice roe shad on 1/8 ounce red and white shad dart with a tail of white bucktail.

In addition to fishing a dart in a pool's center, move to the left or right of the pool's center for awhile. The idea here is to find the deepest "alley" where the shad are making their way upstream. You can move the same way at the heads and tails of pools, too, if you get no action in one spot.

When you score in a spot, note carefully where you are by looking for landmarks on both shorelines. You'll want to come back to this spot time and time again, especially if you get into fast action. When you return, position your boat upstream far enough so that your anchor grabs the bottom and lets you float to the hot-spot, holding bottom just at the right moment. This maneuvering may take some doing, but it's worth the effort so that you put yourself right where you scored previously.

Another offering on which I frequently take shad is a gold Hildebrandt flicker spinner. The action of a flicker spinner is unique. As it hangs in the current, it quivers as if it were on the verge either of throbbing like a crankbait or holding motionless in the river current. I fish these most often at the tails of pools, and I anchor my boat so that I can lay that flicker spinner out and let it hang in the pool's tail about 30 yards behind my anchored boat. Use only gold-colored flicker spinners for shad.

Another good boat fishing ploy is trolling. Put on different sizes and colors of darts and troll several slowly, zigzagging your way from shore to shore, slightly upstream with every pass.

Water temperature has a lot to do with shad fishing success. When the

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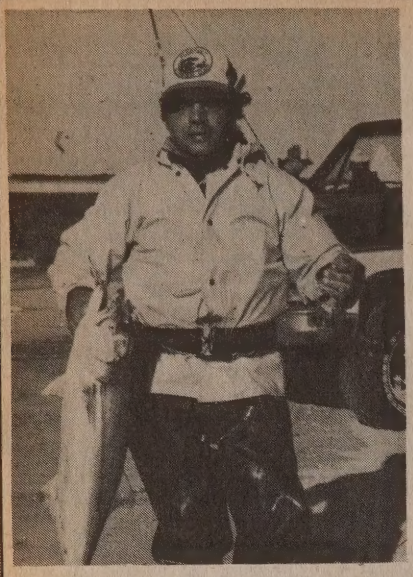

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water temperature hits the 50 degree mark, action is likely to commence, and as the temperature climbs towards 60 degrees, look for improving fishing. Fishing can be good with water temperatures in the 60s, but as the water warms to near 70 degrees, the shad run in that part of the river is pretty much over.

Believe it or not, the great majority of shad that ascend the Delaware die after spawning. Only about 3 to 4 percent of the spawning fish return to the sea and come back to the Delaware to spawn more than once. The young shad remain in the river until autumn, when falling water temperature signals their departure for the sea. These shad are "imprinted" to the Delaware River, so most of the fish born in the Delaware will return to this river in about three years to spawn.

Biologists predict the quality of a year's shad run, based on their assessment of the number of shad fry in the Delaware. The good news is that shad runs in the last few years have been getting better, and this year's run is expected to be one of the best in recent decades.

Shad are present in Delaware Bay at the end of February and in March, even though you don't fish for them there. By about the second week of April, the shad run leaders are passing Philadelphia and sport fishing action begins in the Trenton area. About a week later, the leaders arrive in the Easton/Phillipsburg area, and a week or so after that, they're in the Delaware Water Gap area. By about Memorial Day, they're in the Narrowsburg, New York area. Shad travel upstream about 6 to 8 miles per day.

When the first of the run appears in an area, the fishing there can be good for about 3 to 6 weeks, but the availability of shad in an area depends on the weather, water temperature and river conditions.

For example, two seasons ago, I caught shad near Stroudsburg, PA at the end of April, and my last shad trip to that area was June 9th, when I and two others in the same boat caught several nice fish. I got the word later that three days after our trip, no more shad were caught in that area.

The end of the shad run in an area is usually signaled by the arrival of herring, which follow the tail end of the waves of migrating shad into the Delaware.

When you fish for shad, you can expect to tangle with egg-laden roe shad, which can tip the scales from about 3 or 4 pounds to about 8 pounds, with some fish even bigger than that. You'll also fool buck shad, males, that will be a little smaller.

The best time to try your luck for shad when they arrive on the scene is from dawn until about nine or ten in the morning, and from about three in the afternoon until dark. Later on in the season, shad are spawning, not migrating, so you can catch them just about any time during the day. Shad are inactive at night, resting for the next day's activity.

The best part of shad fishing is battling them. Like bluefish, they just don't quit. After wrestling a good shad close to your boat, the shad sees the craft, and the action begins again as the fish freight-trains downstream toward the depths.

Play shad carefully and never try to horse a shad in. They have reputations for having paper thin mouths, so it's easy to rip the dart out, especially if you hook a shad on one of those super small offerings. The secret to landing shad is keeping a tight line, while letting the drag on your reel do all the work. Big shad make long runs, and they are innately skilled in using their broad bodies with the downstream flow to resist your efforts.

With light tackle during the battle with a good shad, I often brace the rod handle against my forearm to conserve strength in my wrist and arm. Another way I fight a big one is to set the drag on my reel and grasp the rod at the butt with one hand and above the reel seat with the other hand. In this way, the reel drag does the sweating, and I just hang on until I can make headway against the fish.

Be sure you're ready in your boat with a wide-mouthed landing net. You'll lose a lot of nice fish without a net, trying to lift them into your boat. When the shad begins to tire, bring the fish alongside your boat. A partner can then net the fish from the downstream side, quickly and in one motion scooping the shad into the net. Always net the fish from the downstream side so that the river current drives the fish into the net.

Consider some rules and regulations before you go. There is no reciprocal agreement between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, so if you launch and retrieve your boats at a Pennsylvania access, you must display a valid Pennsylvania license and in the Keystone State, the daily creel limit for American shad is 6 fish of any size per day. You can obtain a Pennsylvania fishing license by mail. For applications and other details, contact the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

There is no creel or size limit on shad in New York or in New Jersey. If you launch and retrieve your boat from New Jersey, you need a valid New Jersey fishing license. If you launch and retrieve your boat between New York state and Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania or a New York state license is valid on either the New York or Pennsylvania shorelines of the Delaware.

Before you go, check out in other sources some recipes and preparations for the roe and for the fish themselves. Baked shad is delicious, even though it can be bony, and smoked shad is terrific.

American shad are spectacular fighters on light tackle, but they're available only for a time in spring. Be sure to cash in on this unique, thrilling angling experience. Gear up now and go when the time is right.

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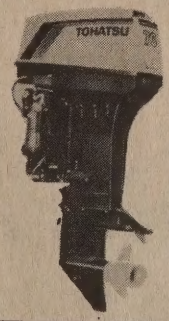

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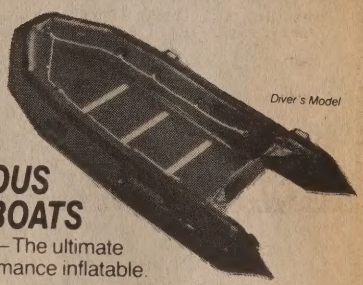

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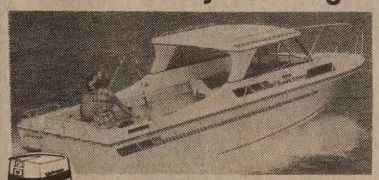

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by Janet & Gordon Groene

There used to be only one or two "right" ways to keep all the different ropes used in boating from fraying at the ends. The old methods of whipping and waxing are still good, but today's ropes are different and so are the methods of dealing with their cut ends.

Traditionally, rope ends are whipped with sail twine, well waxed with sailor's beeswax, or with marline which is a treated twine still available at boat chandler's and in marine catalogs. Whipping costs little, looks proper and salty, and lasts well. Instructions are given in almost any basic marine instruction book such as Hervey Garrett Smith's "The Arts of the Sailor," or John R. Whiting's superb new "On Deck," (Hearst, $22.95). Whiting, who deals with modern materials not covered by older how-to books, suggests using waxed dental floss if you can't get traditional twines.

Smith's book, which is published by Funk & Wagnall's, also goes into fancier whipping designs which add strength while creating attractive patterns. Another old-time sailor's trick was to do two whippings, one behind the other. If one wore through, the other was there in reserve.

Many of the new synthetics can be ravel-proofed just by holding the cut end over a gas stove burner or a cigarette lighter. Be careful not to let any melted blobs drip or stick to your skin or surrounding surfaces. Don't use matches, which don't allow you enough control and don't breathe the fumes. Before the cut end "sets" and becomes hard, roll it between your palms after dipping them in cold water, to smooth the stub.

Professionals have a special, heated cutter for parting meltable ropes but don't try this yourself by heating a knife or you can ruin its temper. If you're going to be cutting a great many lengths, you can buy a cutting blade for your soldering gun.

Cut rope with a sharp, regular edge knife—not a serrated blade which shreds the very fine fibers of synthetics. We tape the rope first, put the rope on a flat surface, and cut through tape and all.

Avoid unnecessary raveling and rope loss by using a temporary hold while you do whatever whipping, trimming and dipping will make a permanent and durable rope end. Masking tape is a cheap, effective tape for the job, corrals the fibers and strands, cuts easily, and comes off with ease when the job is done.

At least two companies now make a liquid dip that stops raveling and seals rope ends. Boaters Choice is white; the MDR brand is red. If you have a problem with spaghetti management and want to key various rope ends so you can grab, for example, the dockline instead of a dinghy painter, use both colors.

We still prefer to whip the rope ends first, then use one or two coats of dip. The whipping provides strength, then the dip forms a waterproof "boot" over the cut end, keeping water out of vulnerable core material.

It's cheap, easy insurance to whip all cut ends, even those that appear to be adequately sealed with flame. Too, the dips are a smooth, kid-like coating that is easier on hands that handle lines. Burrs on polypropylene line are particularly rough on hands.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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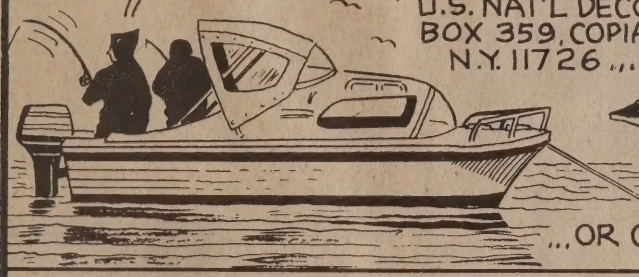

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Beautiful, but windy weekend weather, brought out many anglers looking for their first flounder of the season. Most were disappointed, however, since water temperatures are still a little too cold for good flounder activity. Traditional early spots, the Shinnecock Canal and the Quogue Canal by shore and boat are, according to those keeping good logs, two weeks behind schedule. Cod catches at Montauk are increasing, with bycatches of pollock and hake taken as well.

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Twenty-eight anglers caught thirty-six codfish on Saturdays trip on the **Viking Starship**, with Dennis O'Connell of Centereach taking the pool with a thirty-eight pound cod. Saturday's fishing was done at the Cartright and CIA grounds. Sunday's flat seas prompted Captain Paul Forsberg to sail to the Outer Banks and Cox's Ledge where thirty-eight anglers were kept busy with a total of 112 fish that were brought over the rail of the **Starship**. The pool codfish, 33 pounds, was caught by John Capuano of Hampton Bays. About a dozen large pollock and six big hake were included in the catch. Captain Forsberg remarked that the larger cod preferred six ounce diamond jigs, with white, green and red tubes working equally well.

Because of this catch, the **Starship** will be fishing Cox's Ledge, weather permitting, for her March cod trips. The next two day "Valley of the Giants", Georges Banks, trip is scheduled to leave the evening of Tuesday March 18th, returning one a.m. March 21st. Call 668-5700 for reservations.

Captain Chuck Mallinson is preparing the charter boat **Joy-Sea** for the spring cod run and will start sailing the last week in March. Call him at 668-5829 for information.

Charter boats at the **Montauk Marine Basin** are sprucing up for the spring cod and flounder run, according to Carl Darenberg. The **Montauk** and **Kellyboat** will be in the water within a couple of weeks. Call Captain Mike Albronde and Captain Gene Kelly for charter details.

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Coveny of Shirley located a few flounder in the Quogue Canal on Saturday. The pair tried various depths around the Gold Course (where Bouy 7a used to be) finally locating eighteen flatties in a twenty-five foot hole. Although the pair fished from 9 am, the bite started at twelve noon, ending at 1:10 pm. Corn and clam belly chum and blood worm bait did the trick. Fred noted that several anglers, fishing from shore had little or no luck.

Thom Speckenback should have worm bait for anlgers trying for flounder this weekend. Although not too much action was reported at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** on the weekend.

Ted at **Three Aces Fishing Center** in **Hampton Bays** heard of some very picky flounder action on Saturday and Sunday at the Shinnecock Canal.

This reporter spent a couple of hours at the Canal on Sunday, both to renew old acquaintances and to medicate a severe case of cabin fever. Very few fish were actually taken near the locks, however, it was rumored that better action had taken place the first few hours of closing, in the area of the railroad bridge. Joe Traficante of Kings Park with his friend Bill Fox of Lake Grove, did pull in one fish as I watched. Mike Sielaff of Selden, and his friend Richard Churchill of Seaford, had to split a one pound flounder for dinner. Although not many fish were caught on Sunday, everyone felt a slight warming spell would trigger the expected blitz, perhaps this weekend!

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Cold, windy weather, combined with below normal water temperatures, thwarted the attempts of scores of flatfish hopefuls this weekend. And while some anglers were able to avoid a skunking, many others did settle for the collar. A very, very slow pick probably best described flounder action through both Moriches and Great South Bays on Saturday and Sunday.

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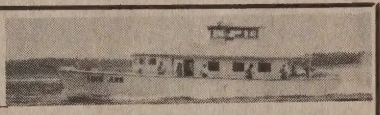

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MORICHES BAY & INLET

"Certainly not a slam bang start to the season but some fish were taken in the Quogue Canal," according to Larry Dallaire at **L & M Marineland** in **East Moriches**. Five boats sampled the flounder action on the weekend, working between the 2nd bridge and the vicinity of buoy 7A. Catches averaged a dozen fish per boat. Most were under a pound but some very big fish were mixed in as well. Larry added that he is well stocked with bait and chum for flounder hopefuls.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** is scheduled to open for March 15 (Saturday) but added that he does have some boats in the water and he will have bait for the weekend if the weather forecast looks promising. To be sure, call him at 878-0247. He added that local trap fisherman have been loading up with big 1½ to 3 pound flounder.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban said that despite a fair number of anglers giving the flounder a shot on the weekend, things still remained pretty quiet. He described the flounder action as very slow with small numbers of fish taken at Heckscher, Patchogue and in the State Channel. On the positive side, those fish that were caught, were all big. An occasional white perch, a few flounder and tommy cod being taken on worms in the tidal reaches of the Connetquot River. Still plenty of trout in Bubbles and Rattles. Most are small but bigger fish are being taken early and late in the day. Some very nice browns and rainbows continue to be taken in Connetquot State Park. A reminder that the Shop will be stocked with blood and sandworms and clam and mussel chum for the weekend.

Bobby Sprenger over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** said that they have bloodworms, clams and mussels for the flounder faithful. As far as shore action is concerned, Bobby has been sending most customers down to the Jones Beach Piers where they have been picking away at the flatties. The open boat fleet saw a good turnout of anglers but cold bay waters resulted in a very disappointing showing of fish. This could change abruptly with a few days of mild temps and sun.

Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** reported lots of flounder fishermen but very few flounder on the weekend. They have bloodworms and nightcrawlers in stock and should have sandworms for the weekend. One customer reported seeing just a half dozen flounder for near-

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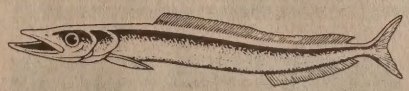

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ly 50 anglers at the Shinnecock Canal on Sunday.

Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** said that flounder action proved a disappointment to nearly everyone on the weekend. Bay water temperatures were down a couple of degrees from two weeks ago, according to Frank. He noted that the store has just received a complete line of Sabre Rods for bay and inshore fishing.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

The '86 season in this area is beginning to open ever so slowly, but opening it is. A small to medium number of cod were caught this week as were some flounder, both in the bay, main channels and a few out at Shinnecock Canal. The flatties have been on the small side, yet are a definite messenger of things very shortly to come. The boat liveries will have boats in the water and bait and chum all set to go on Saturday and all of the head boats will be in full swing.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We hear from Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh that most of his early flounder customers tried their hand at Shinnecock Canal this weekend and with worm and mussel baits averaged 1 to 2 keepers a man. Nothing great, but a start. Mike also knew of a couple of flatties taken from the Jones Beach pier Sunday. One of his customers came in saying that he scored Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday quite nicely on flounder on

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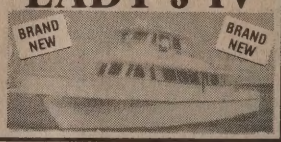

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The customers told Mike that his catches were in the 20s each day. The fish were not brought into the shop however, so we must take this for what it's worth.

We received a call from Walter Gaisser, new owner/operator of **Pop's Fishing Station** in Seaford. Walt said he has moved the fishing station office and all the boats a couple of hundred feet from its past location, to a new headquarters on Somerset Drive. This street is just off Ocean and the whole place is just about a half a block away from where it was situated last year. Walt says he will have garveys and motors all in top condition for all the station's old customers and all new anglers coming down. The station will also have a bar and restaurant. Restaurant will be serving fishermen's breakfasts and be open all day, but the bar will be open in the afternoon only.

A call came in from skipper Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou** fleet advising that both boats will be starting up for the season on Saturday, March 8th, with opening day refreshments being served on both boats. Mike says he anticipates a very good spring flounder season.

We learned from Capt. Billy Lindroth, skippering the **Capt. Al** out of Point Lookout while his dad is on vacation that the boat has been hitting wrecks and hard bottom on trips this past week. Saturday's count was five cod for ten fares and on Sunday, two cod were brought up. Fish were mainly on the small side.

We have learned from Captains Walter and Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** that their brand new boat is about to be brought up to its slip at the Point Lookout Marina. They say that this will be the ultimate half day boat which will be offering luxury and lots of comfort for passengers. They expect to bring the boat in in late March. Up until that time, the present **Miss Point Lookout II** will start their half day floundering Saturday and Sunday, March 8th and 9th and will swing to an everyday schedule starting Friday, March 14th.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** noted that a few flounder have been caught by dock fishermen doing their thing off the Pt. Lookout docks and Jones Beach piers through this past week. Catches haven't been anywheres near solid, but these are definite signs of things starting. The station will be open Saturday with boats, bait and chum ready.

Bill over at **Ed's Fishing Station** on Reynolds Channel told us that Ed's is also opening Saturday for the season, with boats in the water, all set to go.

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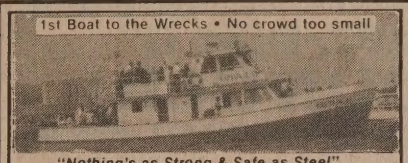

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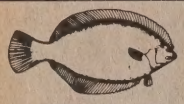

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tells of decent blackfishing and ling jerking this past week in areas southeast of 17 Fathoms. Blackfish have been running 4 to 8 pounds on clam but the ling have been on the smallish side. Catches have been roughly ten fish a man. Flounder have been very picky with the Wee one telling of 6 flounder caught for 6 boats that sailed, with cold water apparently the culprit. However, with the warming up of the water, catches should multiply quite readily.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

The weather seemed to warm just enough last weekend to stimulate angler interest and a number of telephone calls revealed that there was even some fishing going on. Because reports were so hard to come by, we combined the three areas, Western Sound, Mid-Island and North Fork with activity described from west to east.

At **Jack's Bait** on City Island, John DiCuffa said that the family was just back from Florida. The shop will be open and selling worms by Friday, but the boats won't be available until St. Pat's. Also, party boat sailings are not anticipated until the weekend before Pat's Day, even though there will be dockside activity during the next weeks.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport felt that the cold month of February had set the fishing back. However, he anticipates an upswing within two weeks. Bob Cedar from **Huntington Prop** said that there was some cod action during the winter months in the local Sound waters for an angler who persevered. He also noted a catch of nice sized flounder from Lloyd Harbor by Chris Bellock. These were fat females that had been out of the mud for awhile.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** sold a lot of worms on Saturday and Sunday, mostly to anglers headed for the South Shore, and the Quogue Canal. Mount Sinai was the target of only a very few, and **Ralph's Fishing Station** explained why. Ralph Davenport looks for warmer weather to start the fishing around St. Pat's Day. Bess will be ordering baits by then, but rentals on boats will be held back until about the first April week when the fishing really starts.

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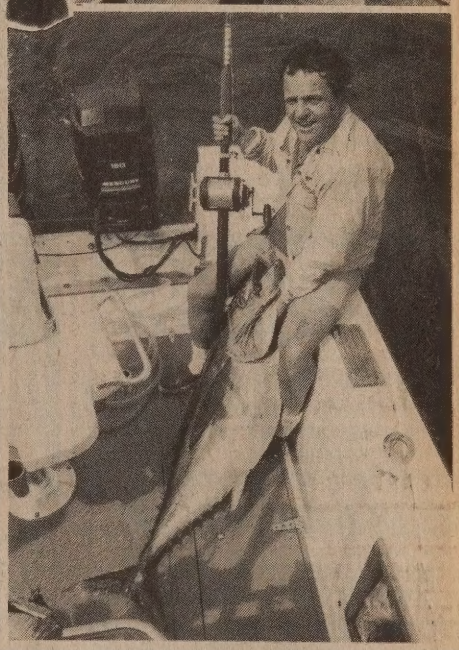

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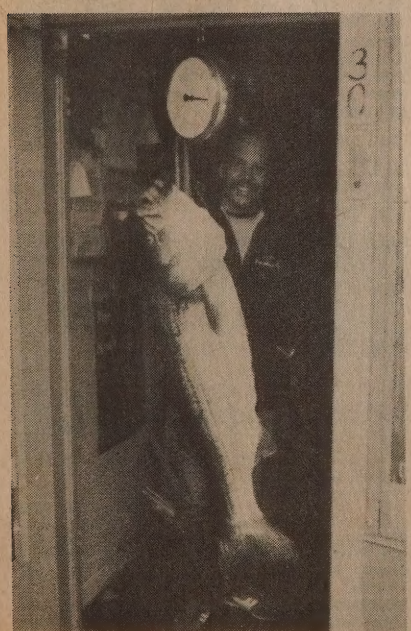

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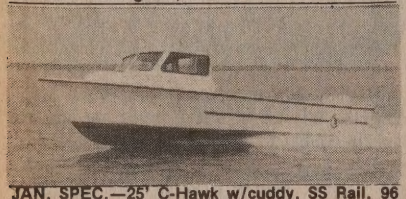

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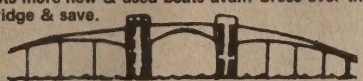

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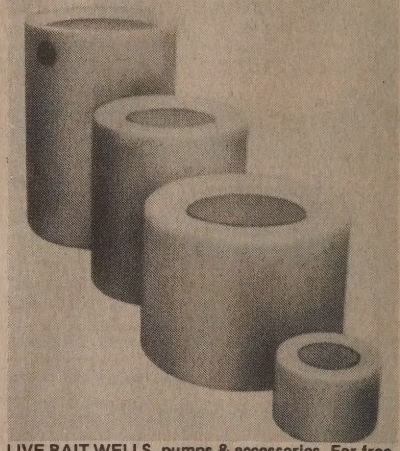

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High Tide Tables

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	4:15	4:50	5:05	5:35	4:50	5:25	5:45	6:25	8:20	8:55	7:35	8:15	4:05	4:35	3/6
FRI.	5:15	5:50	6:10	6:35	5:55	6:25	6:45	7:20	9:20	9:50	8:40	9:10	5:05	5:30	3/7
SAT.	6:10	6:35	7:00	7:25	6:45	7:15	7:40	8:05	10:10	10:40	9:35	10:00	5:55	6:15	3/8
SUN.	6:55	7:20	7:50	8:10	7:30	7:55	8:25	8:50	11:00	11:20	10:20	10:45	6:40	7:00	3/9
MON.	7:35	7:55	8:30	8:50	8:15	8:40	9:10	9:30	11:40	—	11:05	11:25	7:25	7:45	3/10
TUES.	8:15	8:35	9:10	9:25	8:55	9:20	9:50	10:10	12:00	12:20	11:45	—	8:05	8:25	3/11
WED.	8:55	9:10	9:45	10:05	9:35	10:00	10:30	10:50	12:35	12:55	12:05	12:25	8:45	9:05	3/12
THURS.	9:30	9:45	10:25	10:40	10:15	10:35	11:10	11:30	1:05	1:25	12:40	12:05	9:25	9:45	3/13

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+4:03
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	3/6	6:27	5:56
FRI.	3/7	6:26	5:57
SAT.	3/8	6:24	5:58
SUN.	3/9	6:23	6:59
MON.	3/10	6:21	6:00
TUE.	3/11	6:19	6:02
WED.	3/12	6:18	6:04

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	3/6	4:26AM	1:26PM
FRI.	3/7	5:08AM	2:39PM
SAT.	3/8	5:42AM	3:51PM
SUN.	3/9	6:10AM	5:01PM
MON.	3/10	6:34AM	6:07PM
TUE.	3/11	6:55AM	7:12PM
WED.	3/12	7:16AM	8:15PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
3/10	3/18	3/26	4/1

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:20	**7:35**	1:45	**8:00**
Fri.	2:15	**8:25**	2:35	**8:55**
Sat.	3:10	**9:15**	3:25	**9:30**
Sun.	3:45	**10:00**	4:10	**10:20**
Mon.	4:35	**10:40**	4:50	**11:00**
Tues.	5:15	**11:25**	5:35	**11:50**
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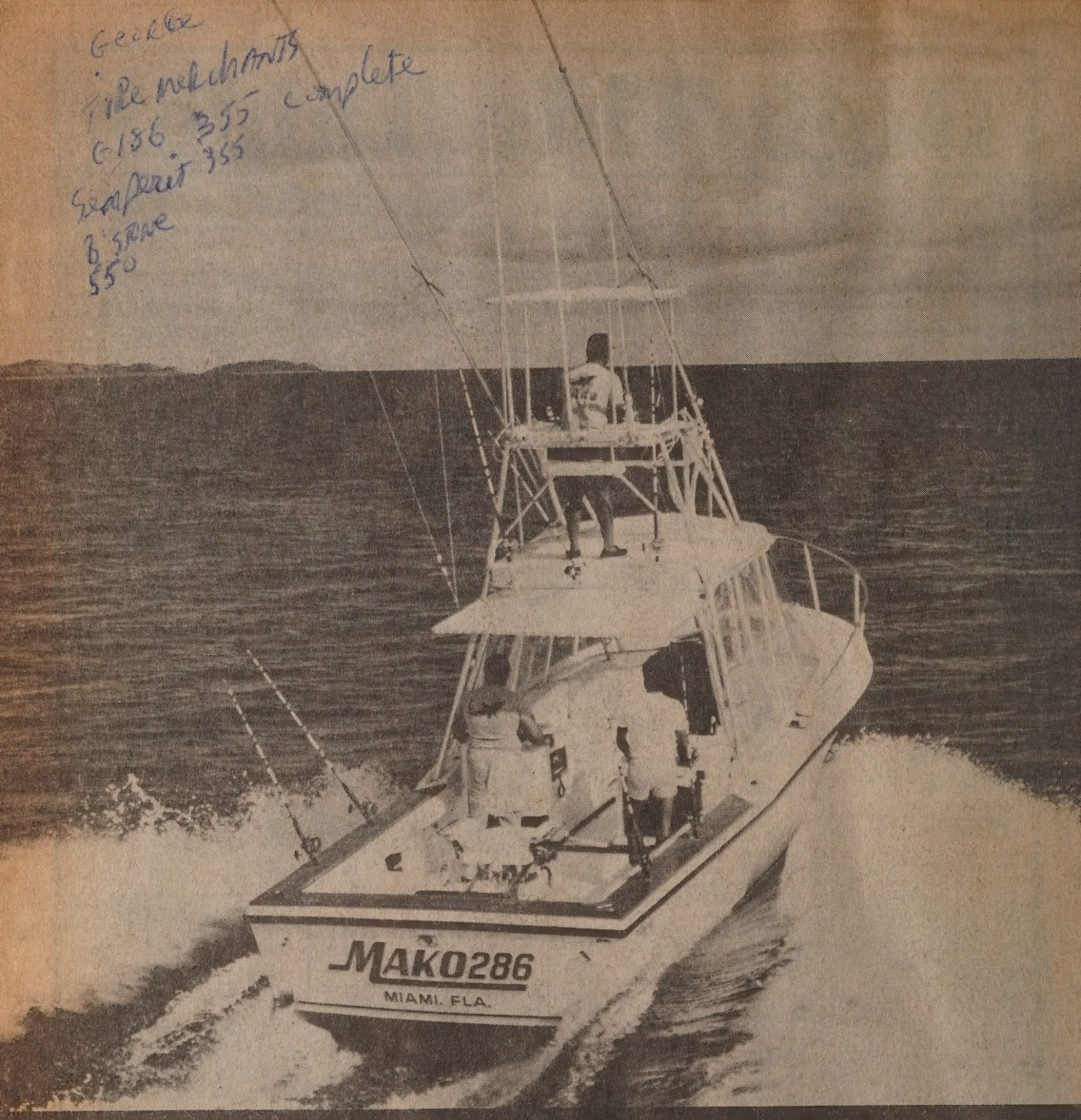

THE MAKO 286 INBOARD

This is the ultimate fishing machine of the MAKO fleet. Twin screw, gas or diesel power, with a 9'10" beam. 8,000 pounds of pure power and grace. The list of standard equipment is more than impressive. It's all you need to head offshore. Twin consoles, hydraulic steering, hydraulic trim tabs, three bilge pumps, batteries and battery switches, saltwater washdown system and on and on. Built-in removable stern fish box and a cuddy cabin for all of your storage or for overnight accomodations. 240 gallons of fuel, foamed-in fuel tank, self-bailing and a full couch forward of each console. Her cockpit will hold a large fighting chair or rocket launcher and leave plenty of space to work a big fish. The 286 handles like a dream and is extremely maneuverable, even in very tight quarters. She's fast and responsive. Soft riding and dry.

The 286 is not for everyone, but for a boat that will fish like a 40 footer, handle like a 25 footer, it may just be the best value on the market today. MAKO quality. MAKO design and the result of almost 20 years of building the finest fleet of fishing boats available. Quality is alive and well at MAKO.

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